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# Prologue – Samurai Chronicle

Prologue

# Samurai Chronicle

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CLUNK

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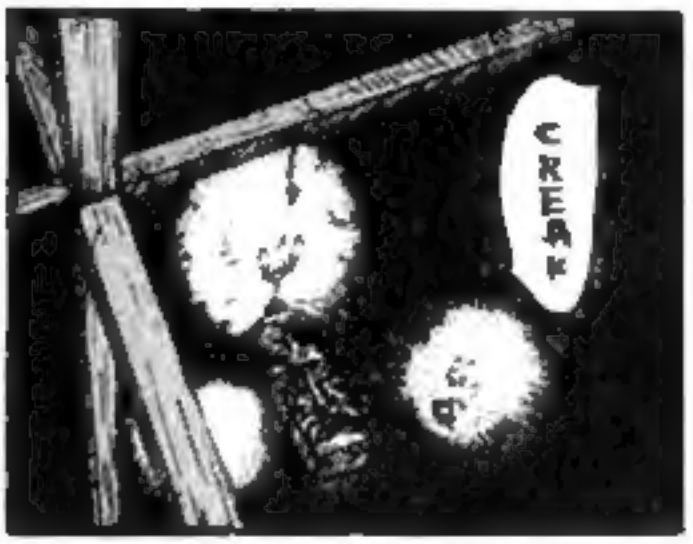
CREAK
CLUNK

CRACK
.....

GRIND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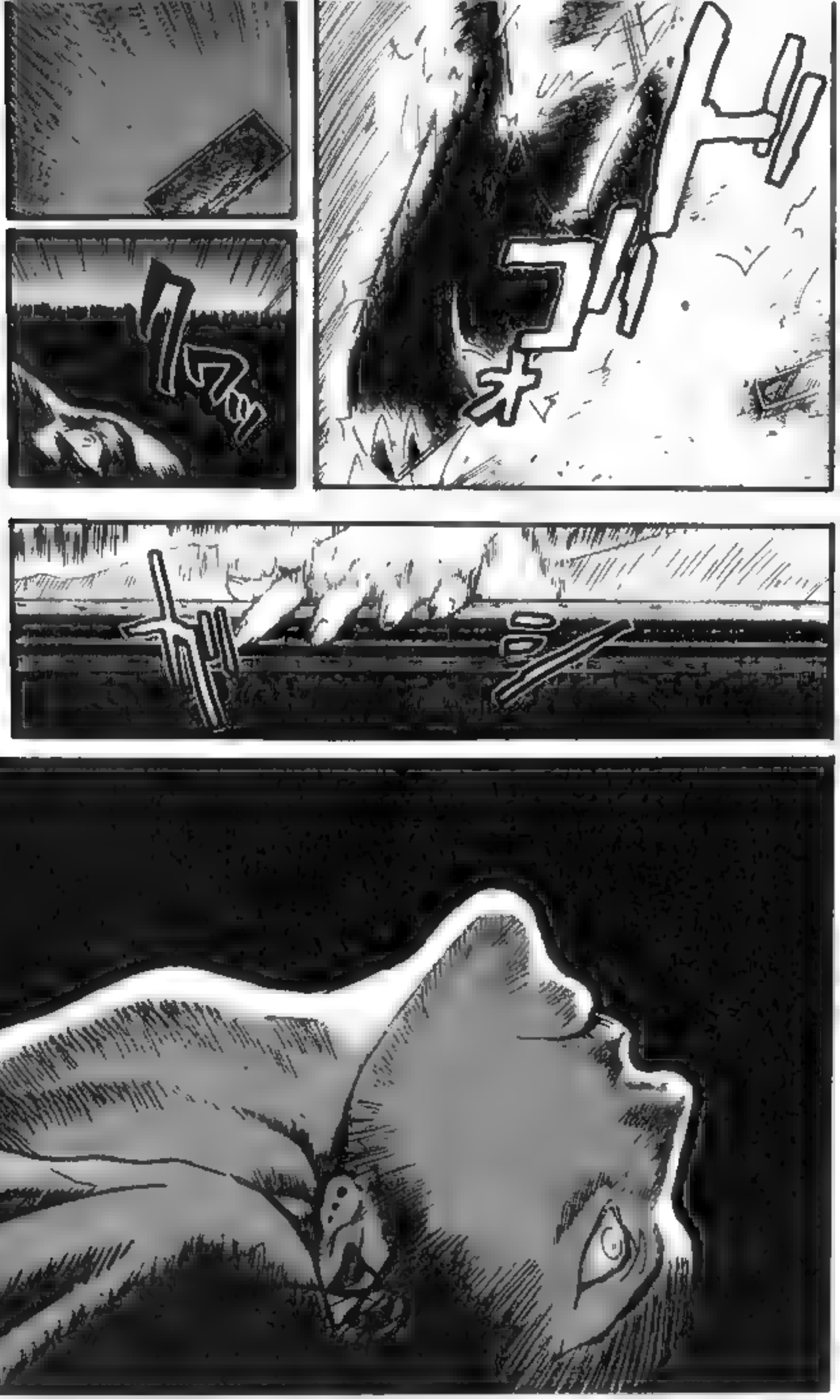


. WOULD PERHAPS DESCRIBE THIS FEELING
"THERE CAN BE NOTHING TO QUITE DESCRIBE THIS FULL MOON NIGHT "

FORGIVE ME, KURAHA. I WAS CARELESS.

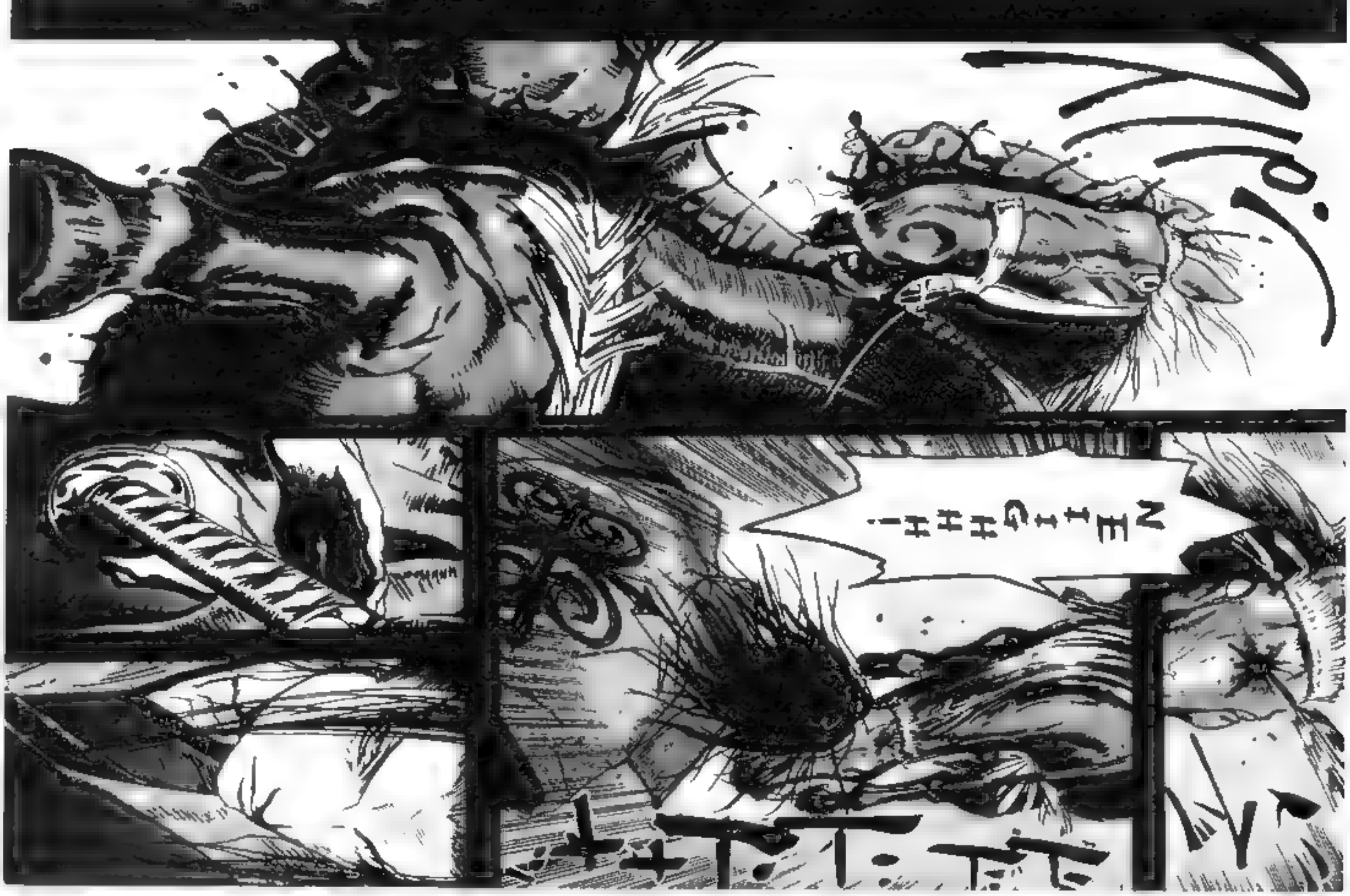
I HAVE LONGED FOR THIS DAY FOR 200 YEARS, MIGIRI-SAMA!!

FU FU FU

RAAAHHHHH!!

WAIT! WAIT FOR THE DAWN!!

NAONO-SUKEI NOT YET!!

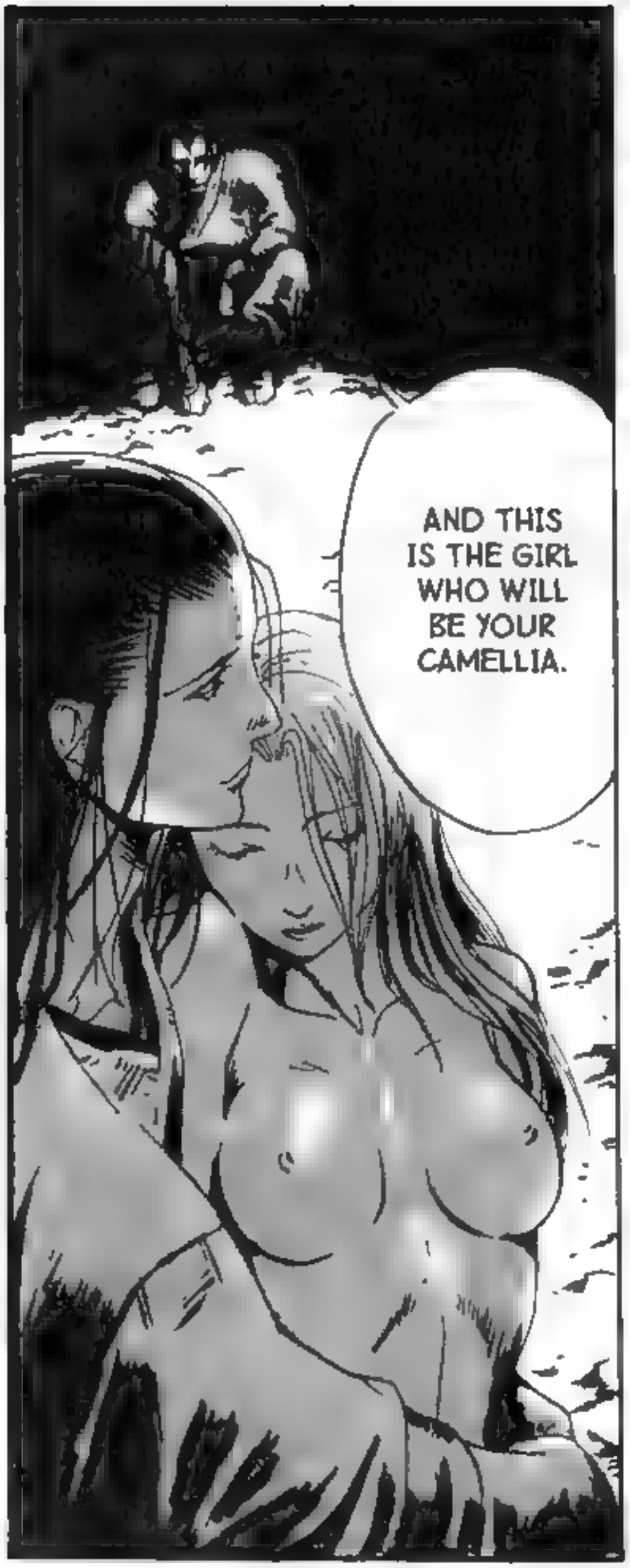

NEIIGHHH-

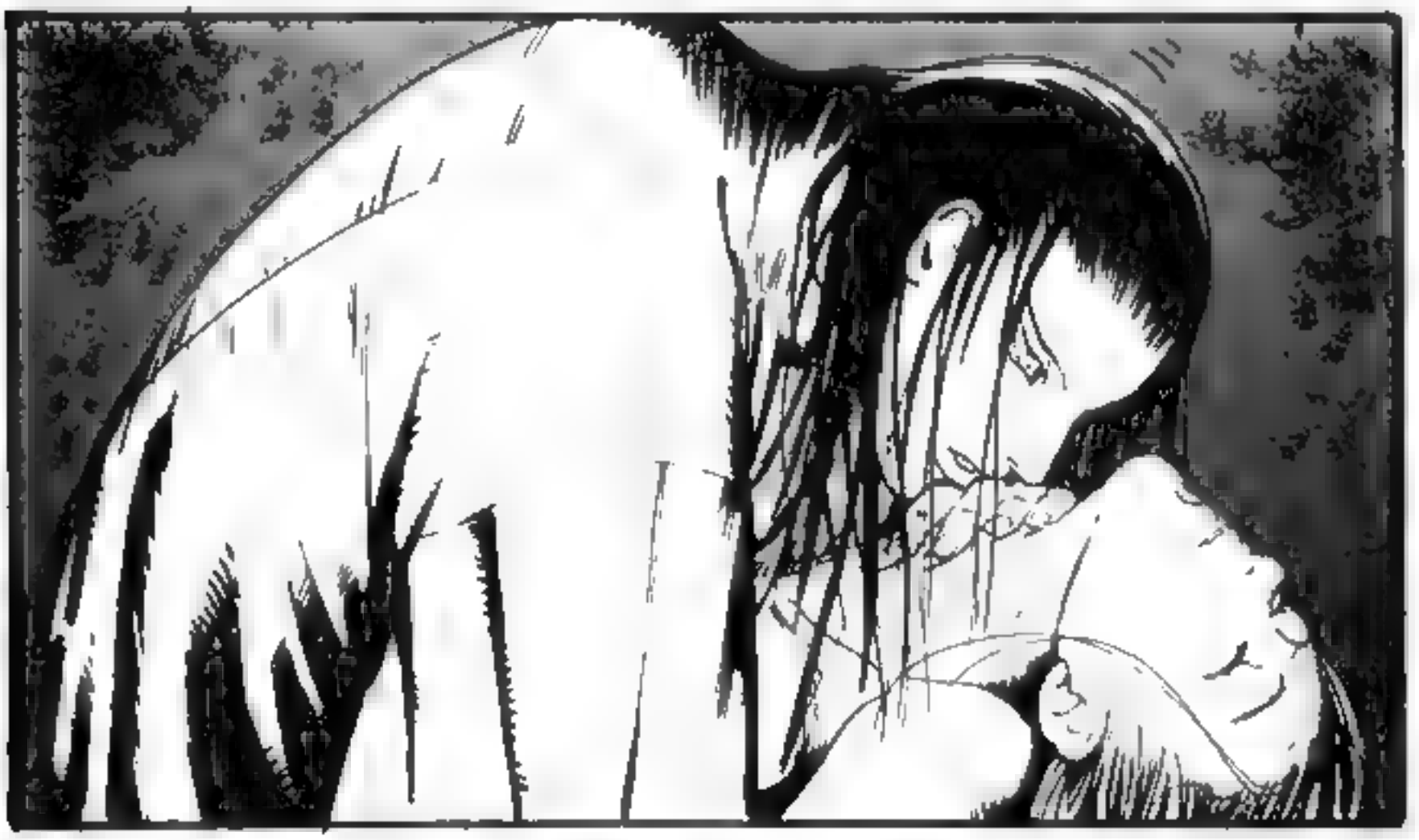
QUICKLY! SHOOT THE FLAMING ARROWS!!!

NOW WITNESS YOUR OWN RUIN, MON-STER!!

FLASH
FLASH

HUFF!
WHEEE!
HUFF!


AND THIS IS THE GIRL WHO WILL BE YOUR CAMELLIA.



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HISSS

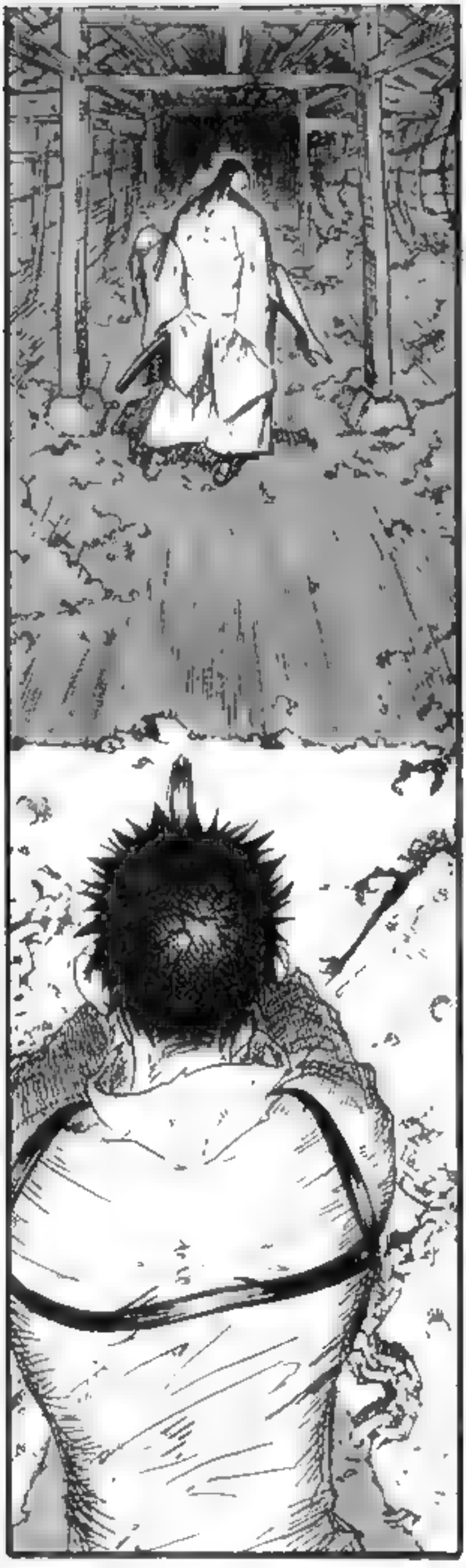
ARE YOU HURT, KURAHA?

'TIS BUT A SCRATCH, MY LORD.

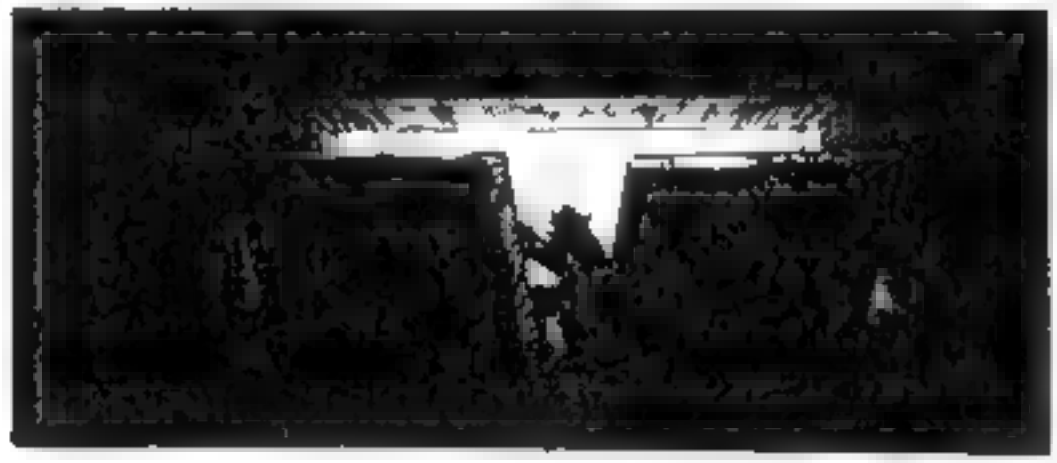
IF IT WAS JUST A SCRATCH, IT WOULD HAVE HEALED ALREADY.

ARE THERE OTHER MEN NOW WHO COULD DEAL YOU SUCH WOUNDS?

IN THE TIME YOU HAVE SLEPT, MAN'S WEAPONS HAVE DEVELOPED VASTLY
I AM SORRY, MIGIRI-SAMA. I WAS CARELESS.
OH?



BANG



DOOOOOM

LET GO OF KIKURI, YOU FREAK!!
SO, HER NAME IS KIKURI?

THIS
--
I'LL HANDLE
--
STEP BACK, KURAMA.

FIST
BLAM
BLAM
FIST
BLAM
FIST
BLAM
BLAM
THIS SHOULD MAKE THINGS A BIT MORE INTERESTING.
YES, I SEE.

MY NAME IS MIGIRI.
TELL ME YOUR NAME, RECKLESS SON OF MAN.

YUSUKE. A GOOD NAME.

YUSUKE HIMUKAI.

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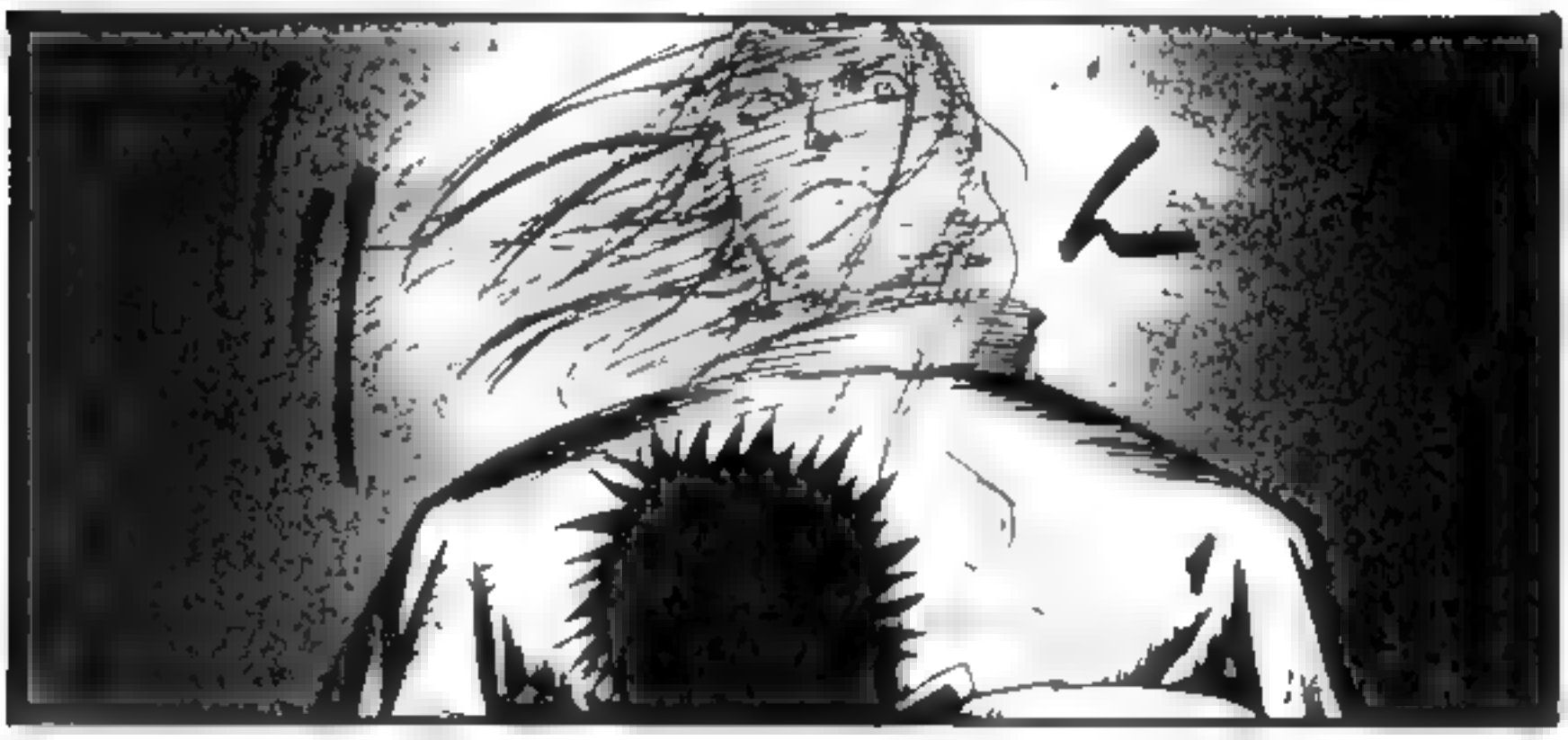
BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

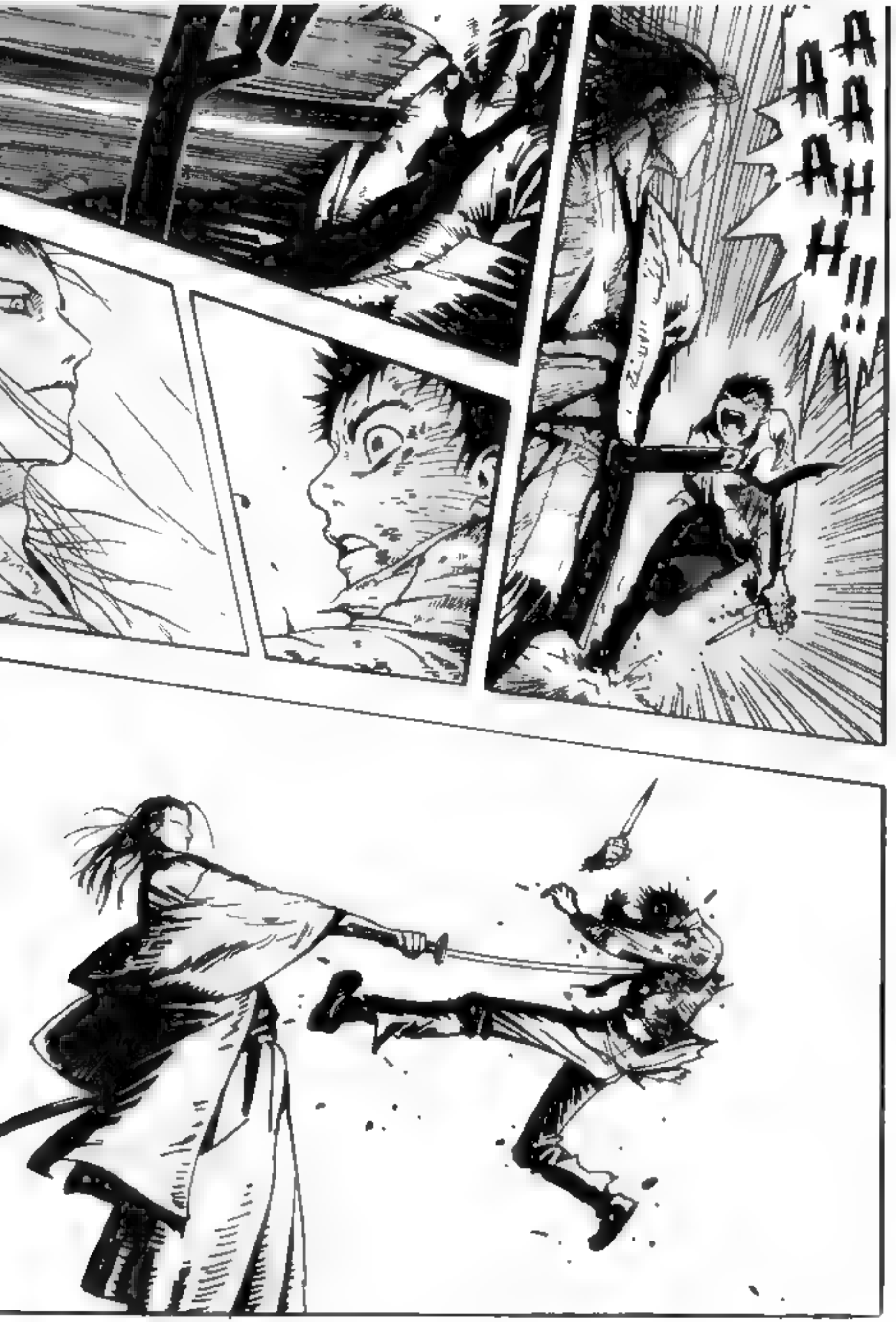
YAAAHH!



TOO BAD.

UAAAAHHHH!!

UUH...


AAAHH!!

USE YOUR BODY TO REMEMBER WHERE THE HEART IS

YOU HAVE GOOD REFLEXES, BUT YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE WILD AND UNDISCIPLINED, THEREFORE, YOU LACK PRECISION.

AAGH!!

NGH

HUFF

HUFF HUFF

NNG!

WHEWW!

WHEWW!

WATCH CLOSELY. IT'S MORE EXCITING FOR BOTH ME AND HER WITH AN AUDIENCE.

K...
KIKURI...

AHHH
AAAH
AH
AHHH
AAAH

AHHH

MMM

HAAH

AAAHI

AHI

HAHI

NGAAAI

AAAAH!

AAAHH!

AAAA

# Chapter 1 – Soiled Fangs 1

"REMEMBER THIS, YUSUKE. MY NAME IS MIGIRI."

"IF I LEAVE YOU ALIVE TODAY, WE WILL NO DOUBT MEET ONCE AGAIN."

KIKURI!! YOU CAN'T. GO THAT WAY!!

KIKURI!!

KIKURI!!

Chapter 1

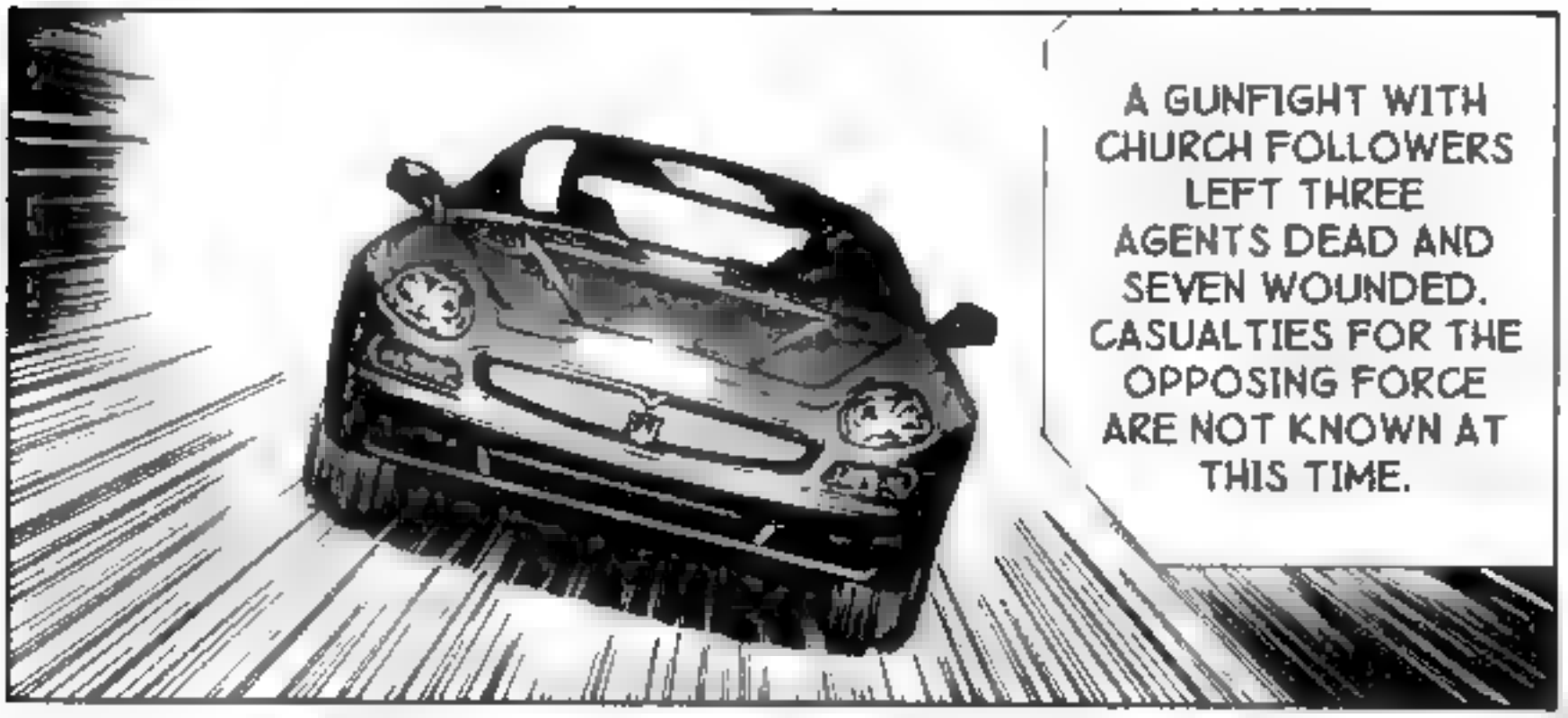
# Soiled Fangs 1

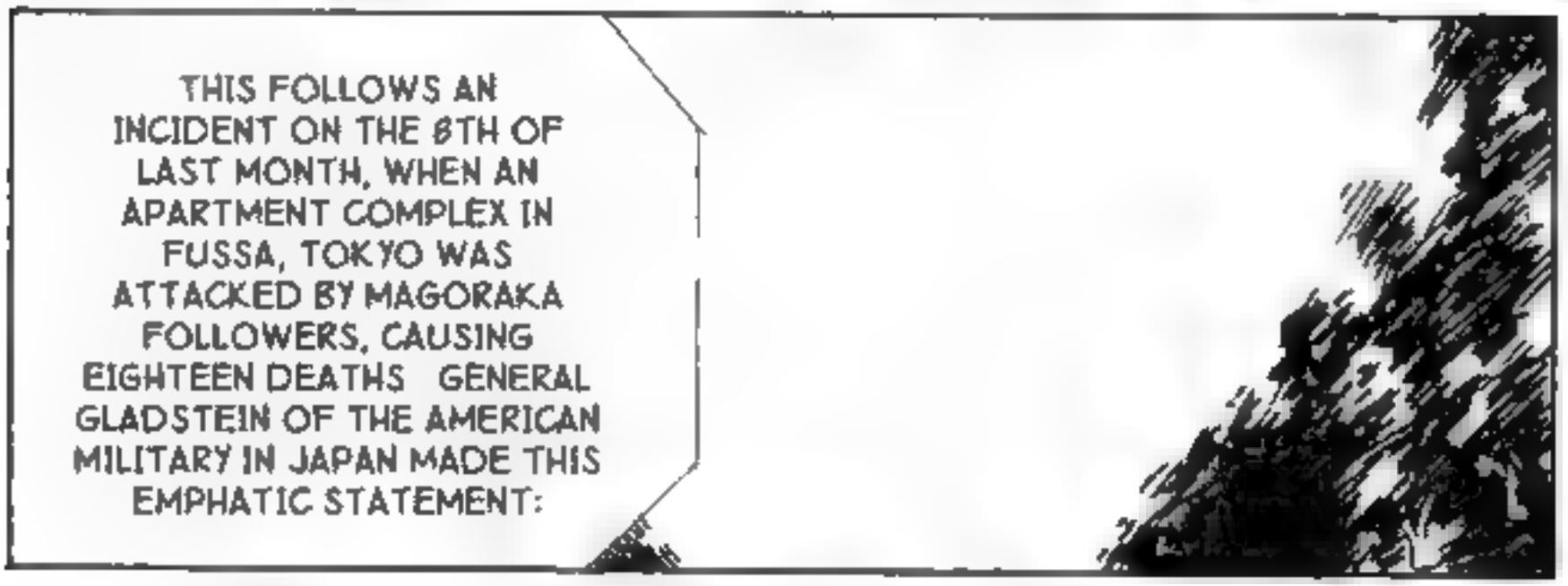
TWO YEARS LATER, AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF THE "YATO NO KAMI"...

Outside of Otaru, Hokkaido

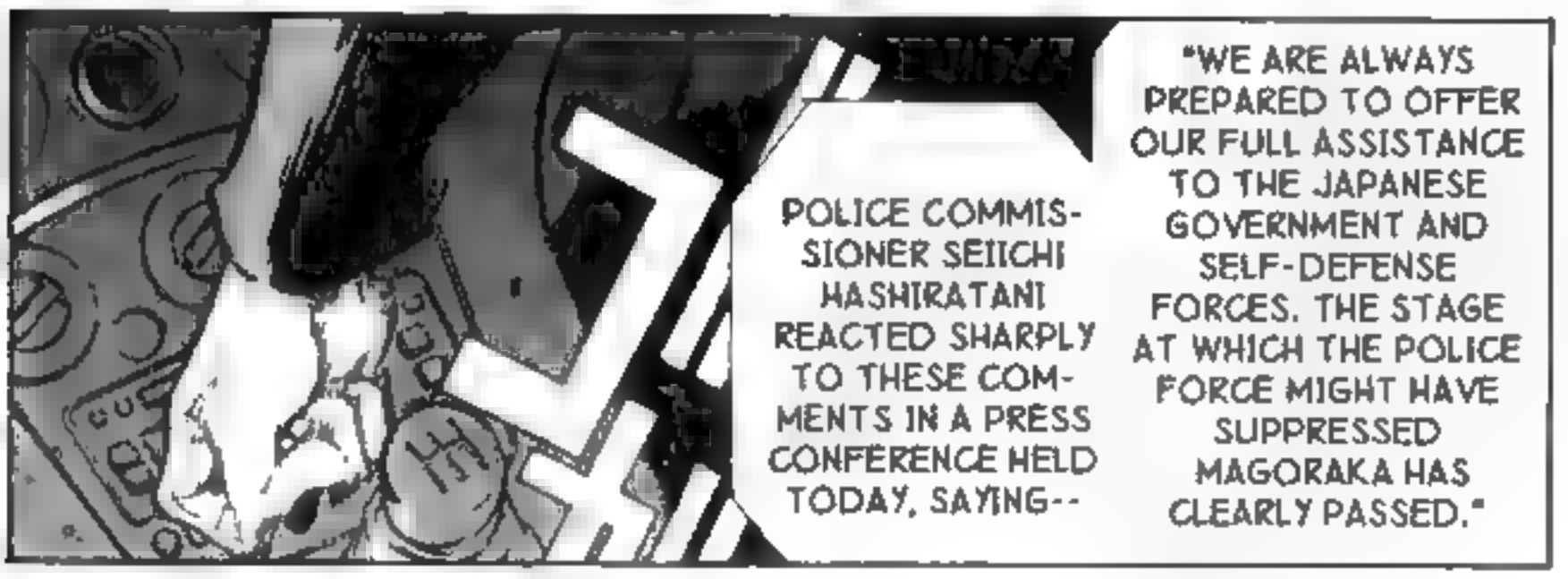
NEXT IN THE NEWS...

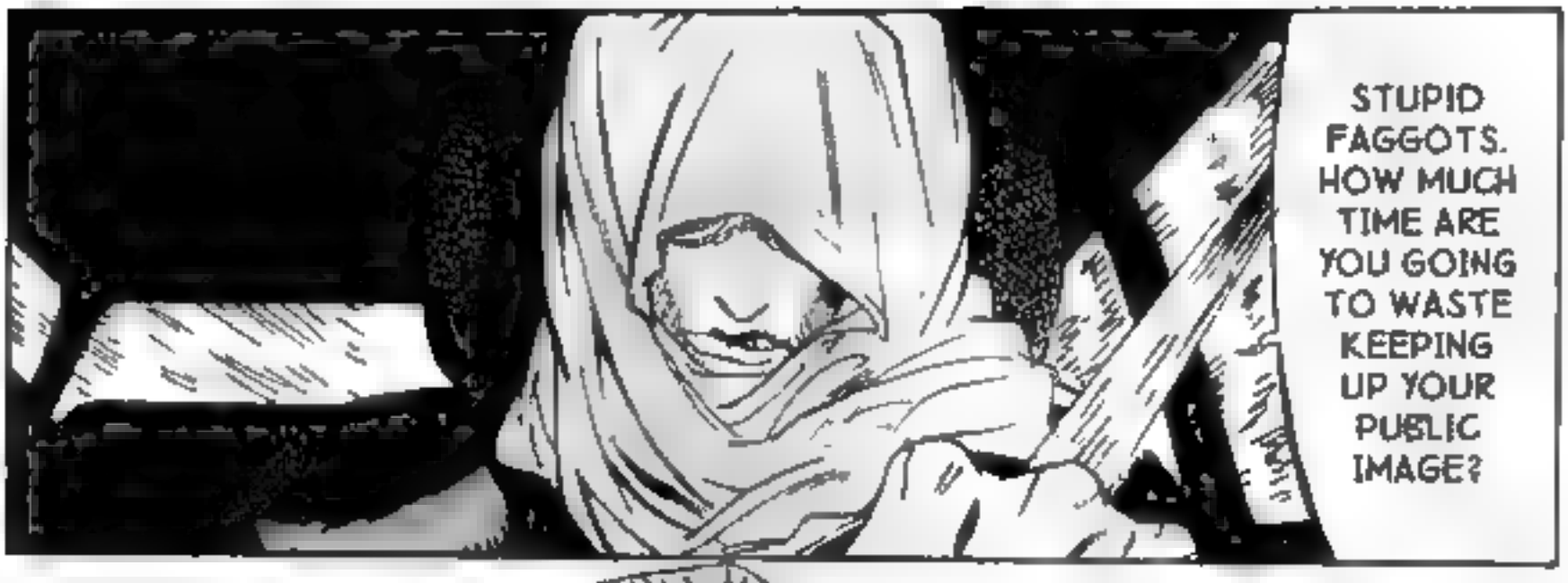
EARLY THIS MORNING, POLICE INVESTIGATORS RAIDED A HIDEOUT IN THE ADACHI WARD OF TOKYO BELONGING TO THE CHURCH OF MAGORAKA, WHICH IS DESIGNATED AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BY THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES ACT.


A GUNFIGHT WITH CHURCH FOLLOWERS LEFT THREE AGENTS DEAD AND SEVEN WOUNDED. CASUALTIES FOR THE OPPOSING FORCE ARE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

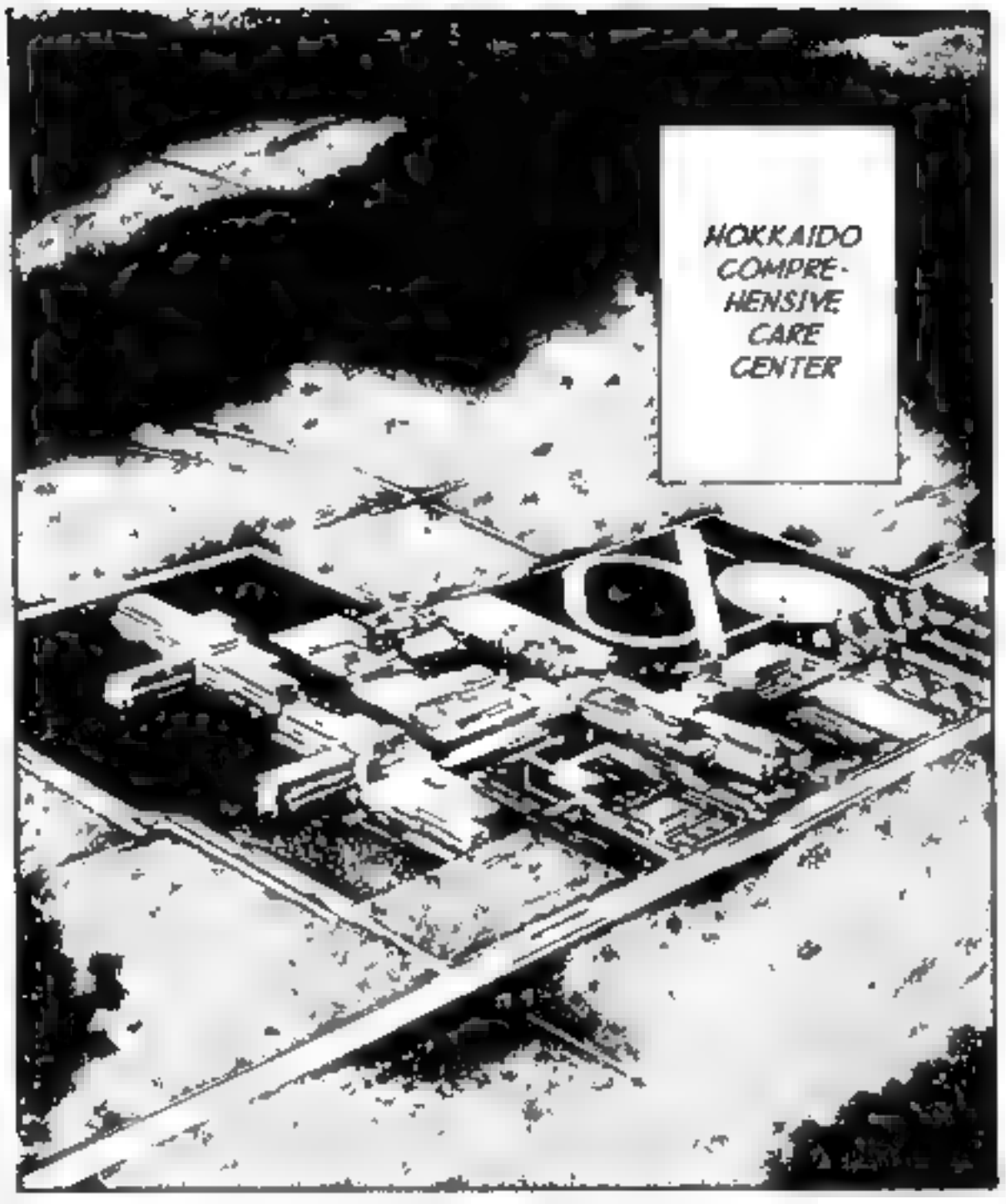

THIS FOLLOWS AN INCIDENT ON THE 8TH OF LAST MONTH, WHEN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN FUSSA, TOKYO WAS ATTACKED BY MAGORAKA FOLLOWERS, CAUSING EIGHTEEN DEATHS GENERAL GLADSTEIN OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY IN JAPAN MADE THIS EMPHATIC STATEMENT:

HAH. VERY CLEVER.
"THE CHURCH OF MAGORAKA IS THE MODERN-DAY RETURN OF THE BLACK PLAGUE."


POLICE COMMIS-SIONER SEIICHI HASHIRATANI REACTED SHARPLY TO THESE COM-MENTS IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TODAY, SAYING--
"WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARED TO OFFER OUR FULL ASSISTANCE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND SELF-DEFENSE FORCES. THE STAGE AT WHICH THE POLICE FORCE MIGHT HAVE SUPPRESSED MAGORAKA HAS CLEARLY PASSED."


STUPID FAGGOTS. HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU GOING TO WASTE KEEPING UP YOUR PUBLIC IMAGE?

THEY ALREADY RULE THE NIGHT IN TOKYO.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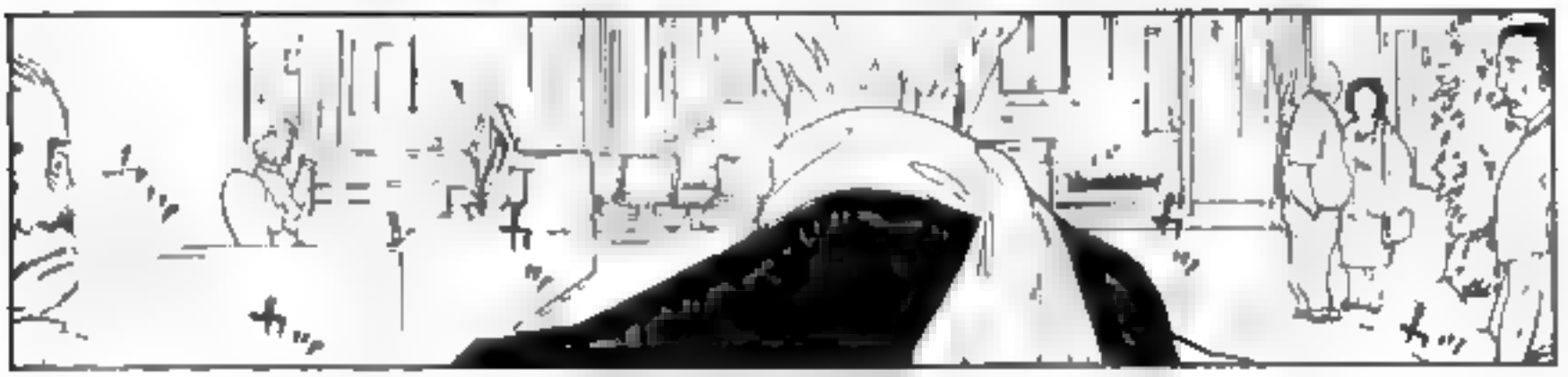


OH,
PARDON
M...
ACK!

C-CERTAINLY, JUST A MOMENT

I'M HIDEKO MAEZONO, FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY BRANCH. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE DIRECTOR.

THANKS FOR WAITING.

SO, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

I HAD AN EXAMINATION GO A BIT OVER SCHEDULE. IF YOU'D CALLED ME AHEAD OF TIME, I WOULD HAVE BEEN READY TO SEE YOU.

I'VE COME TO TAKE YUSUKE HIMUKAI.

WHAT...? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT NAME?!

SINCE WHEN DOES A SIMPLE POLICE AGENT HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUPERSEDE AUTHORITY AND STEAL MY PATIENT?!

I AM ADMINIS-TERING AN OFFICIAL REQUEST TO HIM FROM THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMIS-SION!!

!!!

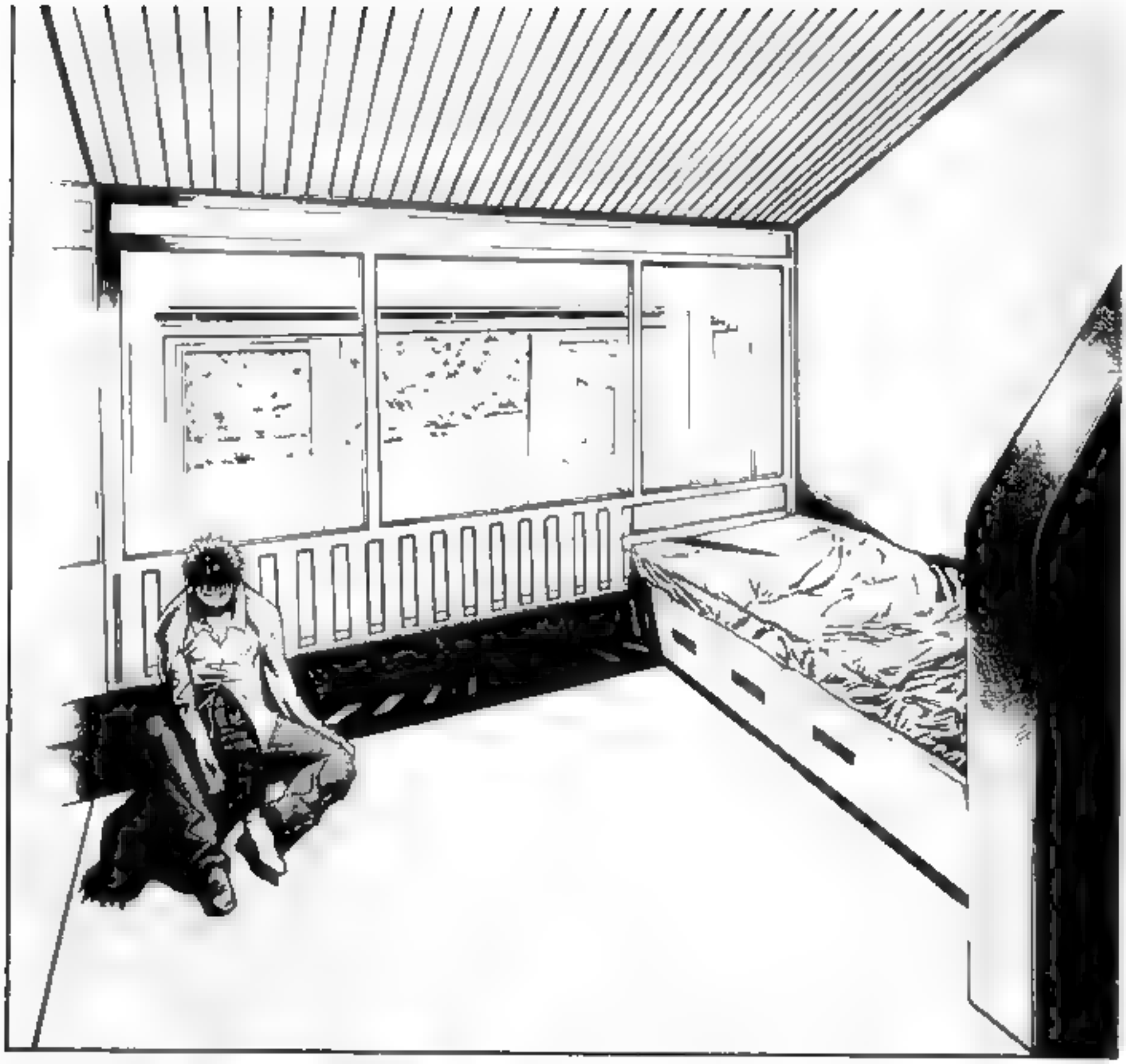
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME, DOCTOR?

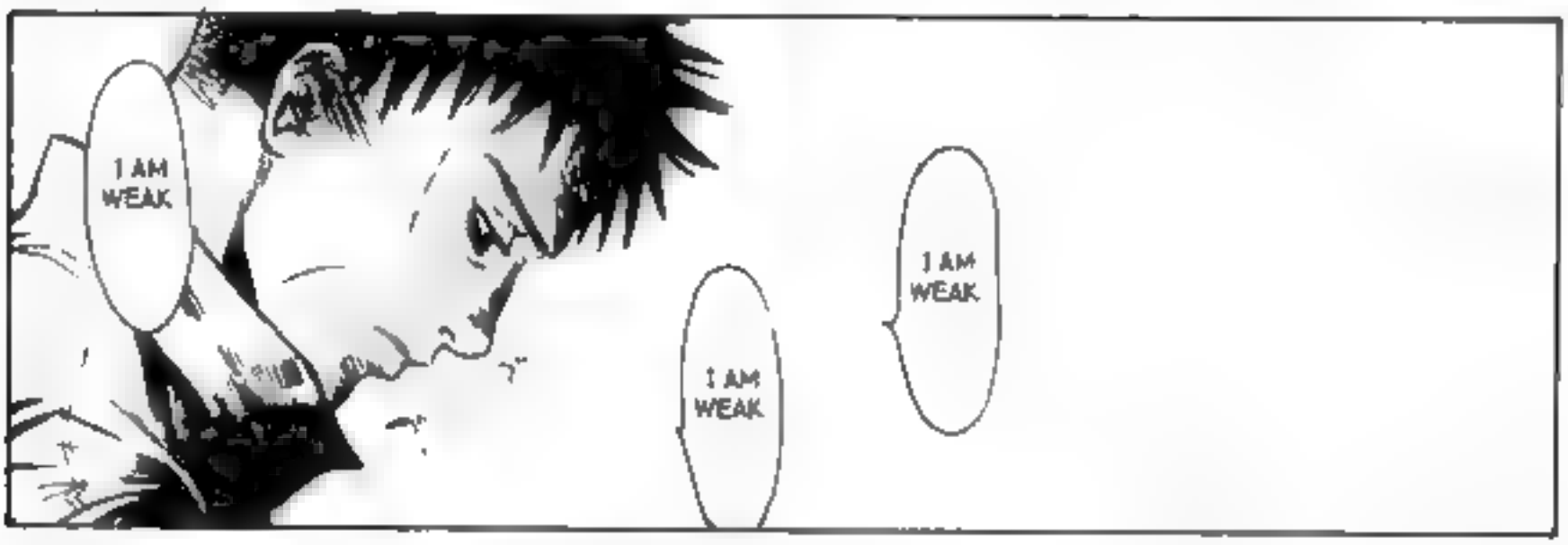
Y-Y-YOU... YOU WERE AT PROFESSOR ASANO'S...

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, DOCTOR.

HEH...

I'M JUST FINE, NOW.

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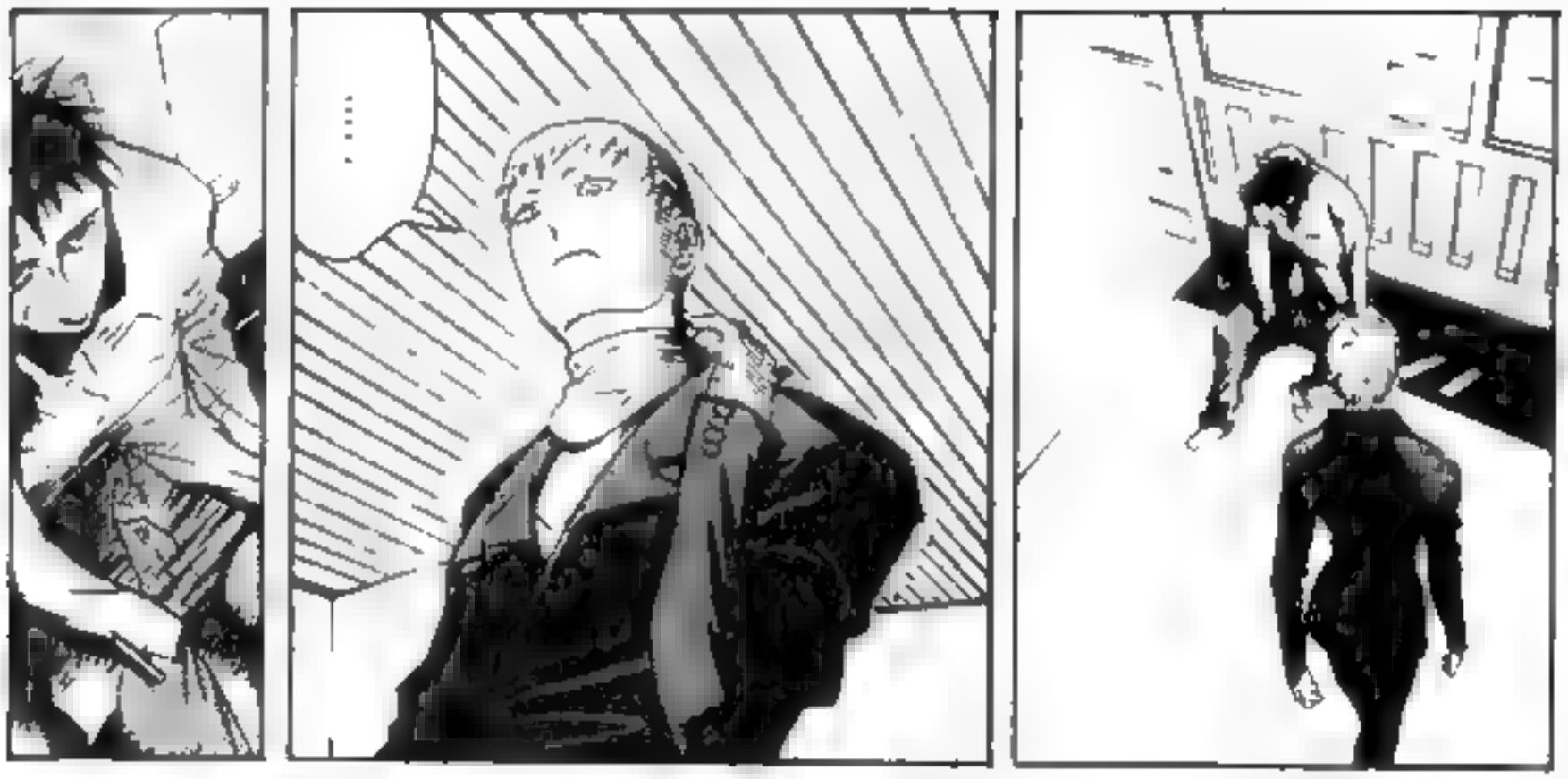

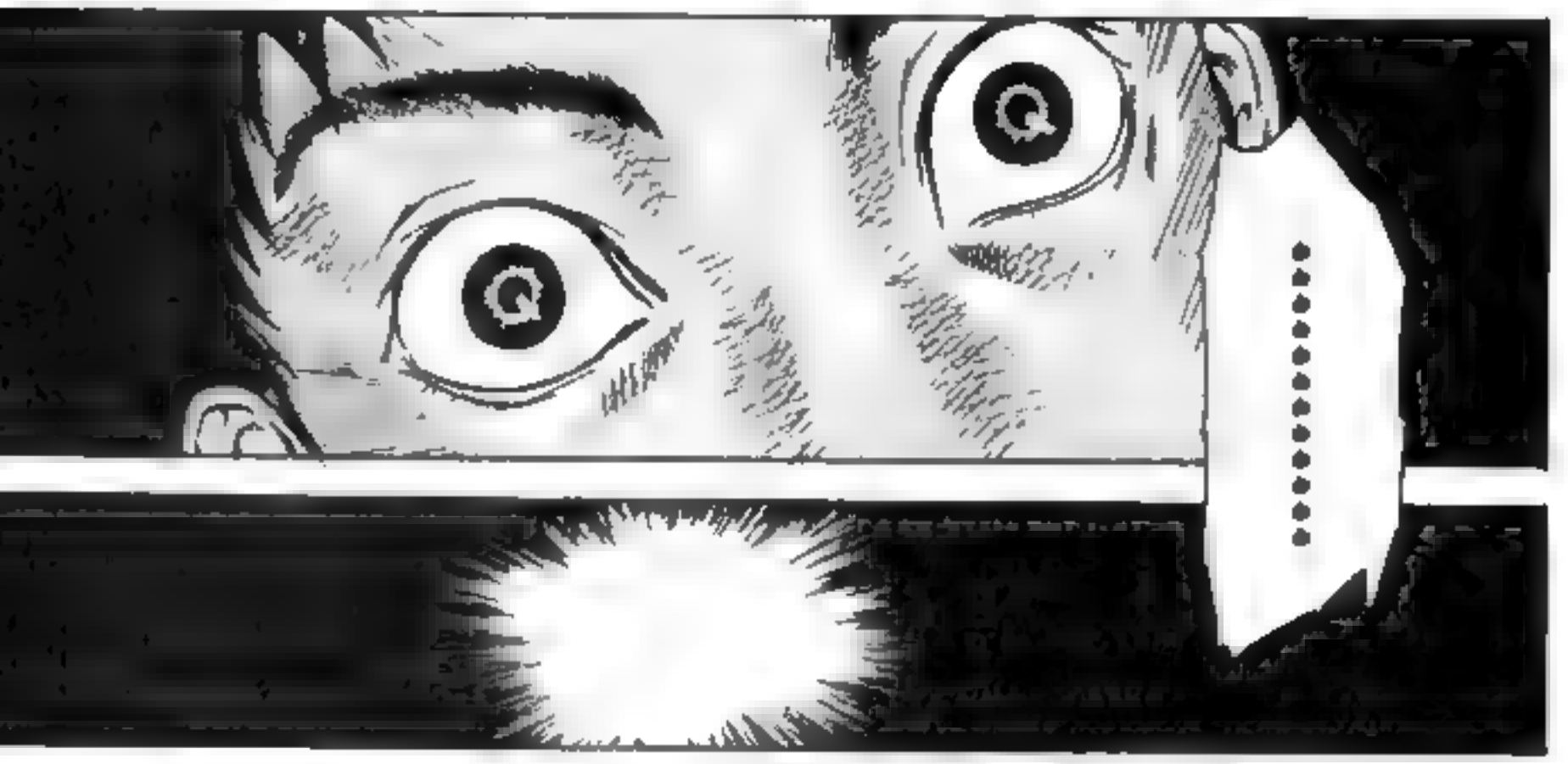

AAAAAAHHHH!!

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HA HA!
HEE
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HEE
HEE!!

HEH...
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HEH
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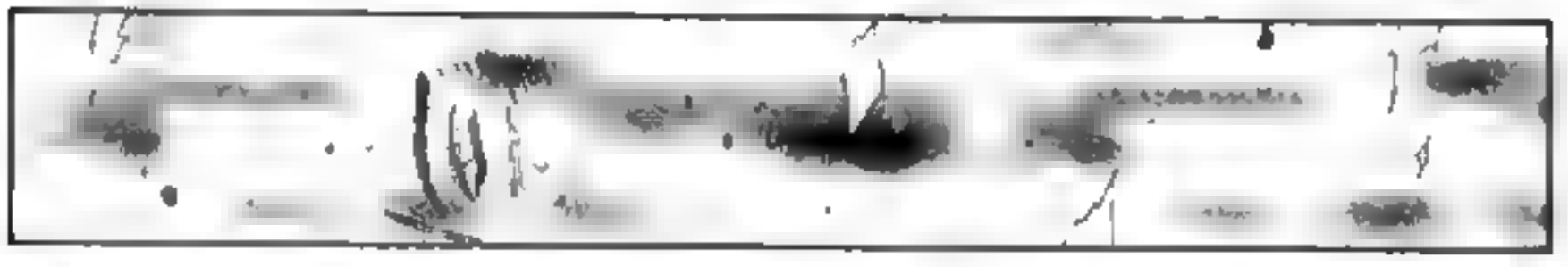
HEH.



RIGHT HERE, YUSUKE. YOU AIM FOR THE EYES.

TAKE OUT THE EYES, AND THEY'LL BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A WHILE, THINKING, "OH CRAP! I CAN'T SEE!"

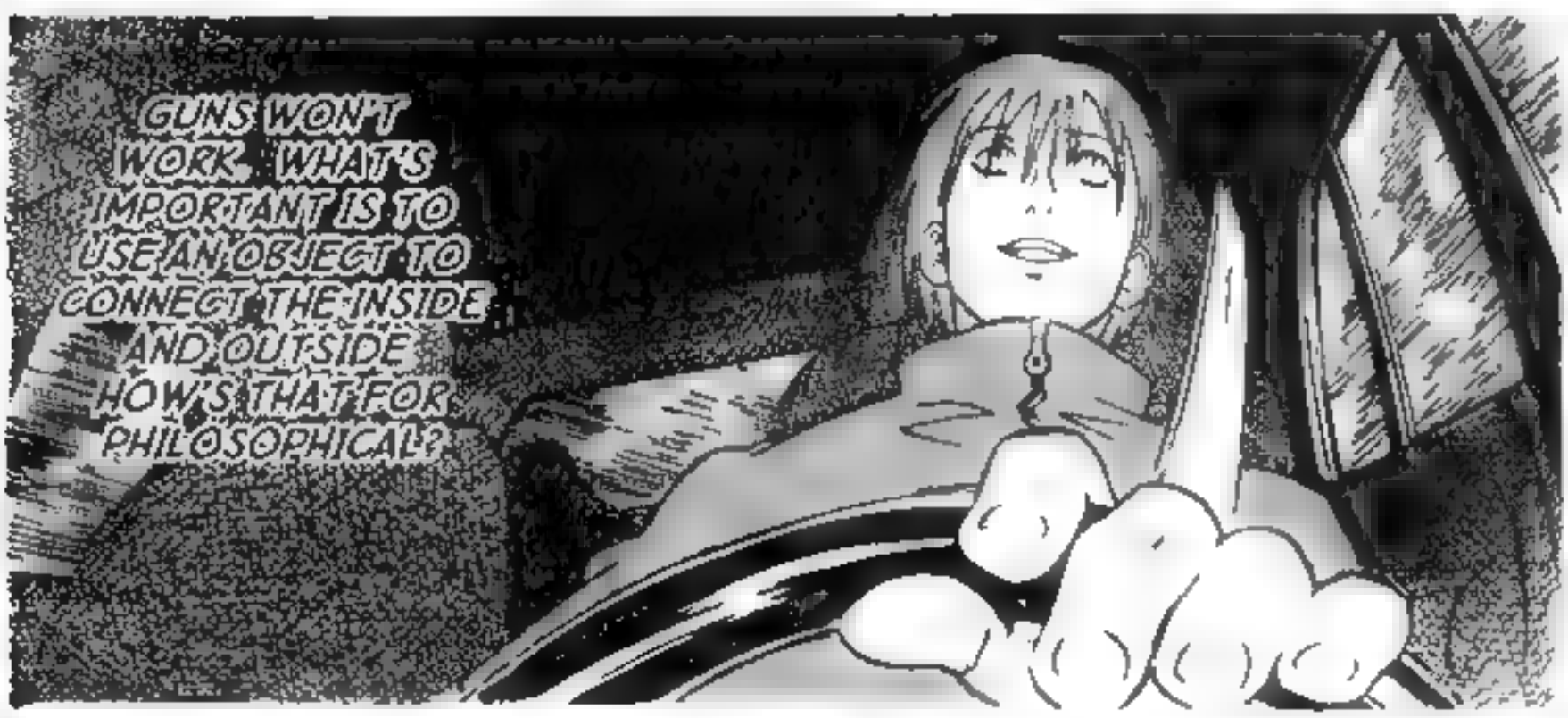
...AT LEAST, TECHNICALLY. BUT IT'S HARD TO GET OVER THE SENSES WE POSSESSED AS HUMANS.

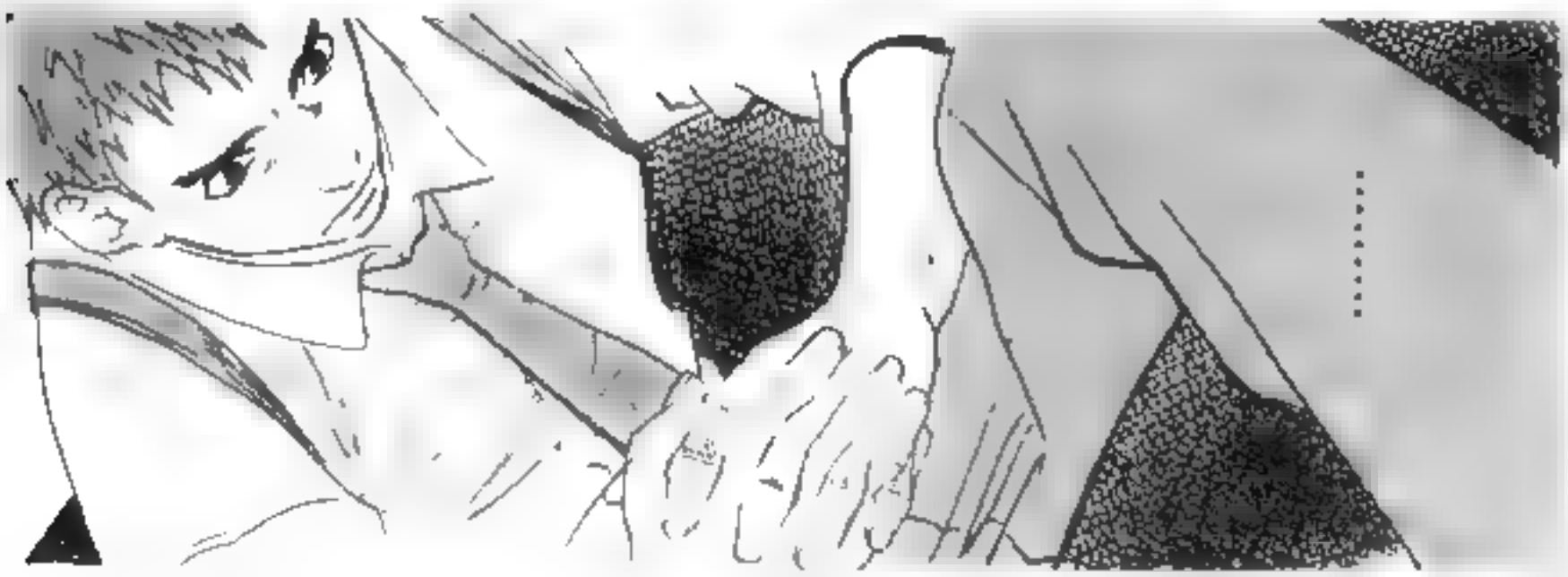
WE CAN UNDERSTAND OUR SURROUNDINGS WITHOUT THE USE OF OUR EYES.

OF COURSE, WHEN YOU REACH KURAHA'S LEVEL, THAT WILL ONLY LAST FOR AN INSTANT.

WHAT CAN I DO, THEN? HOW DO WE KILL THEM?

IF YOU PIERCE THE HEART WITH A CYLINDRICAL OBJECT, NO MATTER WHAT THE MATERIAL IS, THEY'LL TURN TO ASH.
HOWEVER, THE "TURNING INTO ASH" IS REALLY AN ILLUSION. AFTERWARDS, YOU WON'T ACTUALLY FIND ANY ASH REMAINING.
THEY SIMPLY CEASE TO BE. YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF FORGETTING ABOUT THEM, LIKE A BAD DREAM.


GUNS WON'T WORK. WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO USE AN OBJECT TO CONNECT THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. HOW'S THAT FOR PHILOSOPHICAL?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CAN I REALLY TRUST YOU RIGHT NOW, HIKAGE?
YOU JUST AIM FOR THE EYES. LEAVE THE REST TO ME

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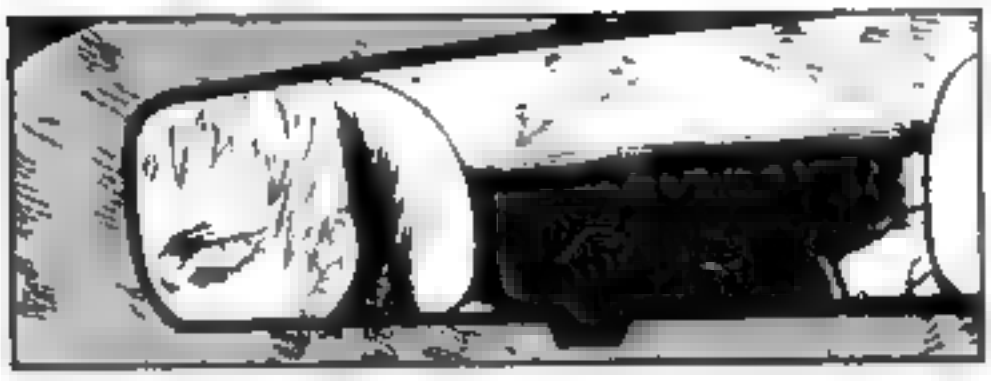

DID YOU SLEEP WELL, YUSUKE HIMUKAI?

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HEH. YOU MUST BE IN TERRIBLE SHAPE IF THAT WAS ENOUGH TO KNOCK YOU OUT. I HAD THEM GIVE YOU SEDATIVES TO KEEP YOU QUIET FOR A WHILE.

YOU BITCH ! WHERE IS SHE... WHERE IS KIKURI?!

SCREEEEEECH

ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE MONSTERS, TOO?! GIVE KIKURI BACK!!

!

!

AAAAAHHH!!

AAGH!!

MY NAME IS HIDEKO MAEZONO.
AND I AM NOT A MONSTER, NOR AM I HUMAN.

検問中

Sign: Checkpoint Ahead

AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

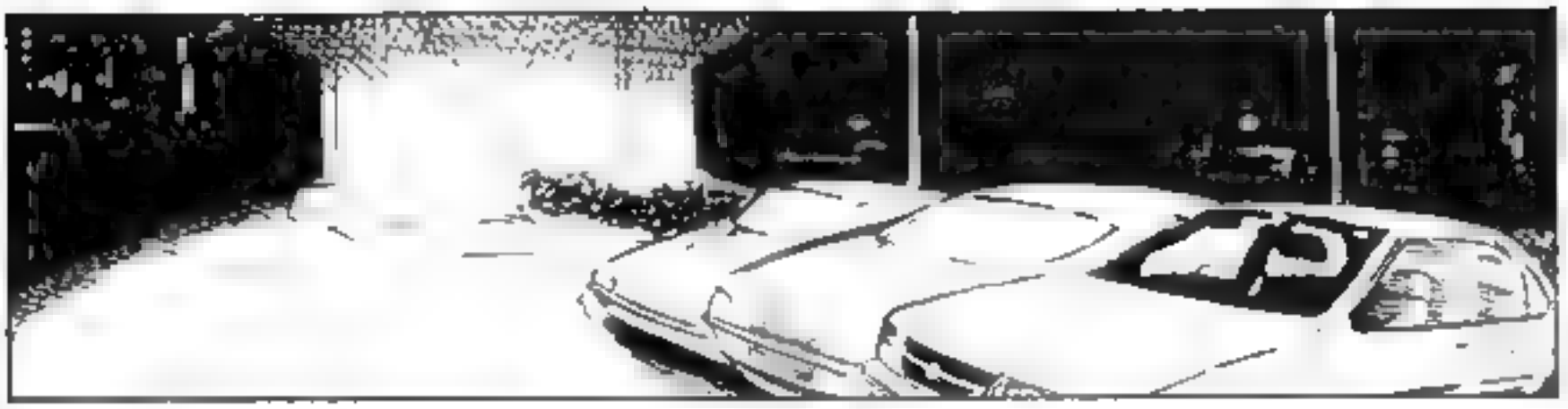
JUST FOR A DRIVE.

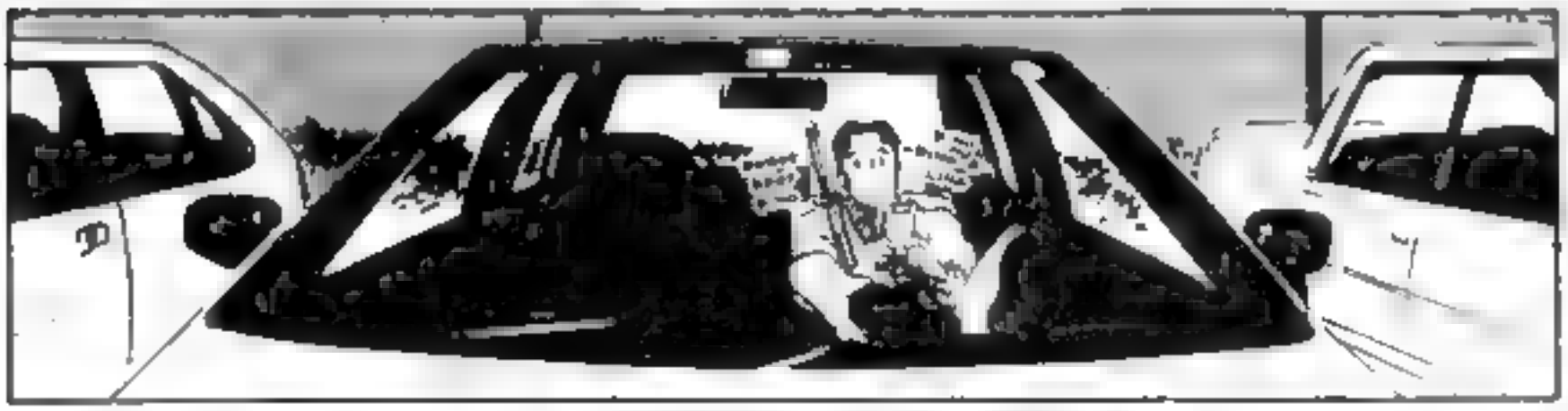
GOOD EVENING, MA'AM.

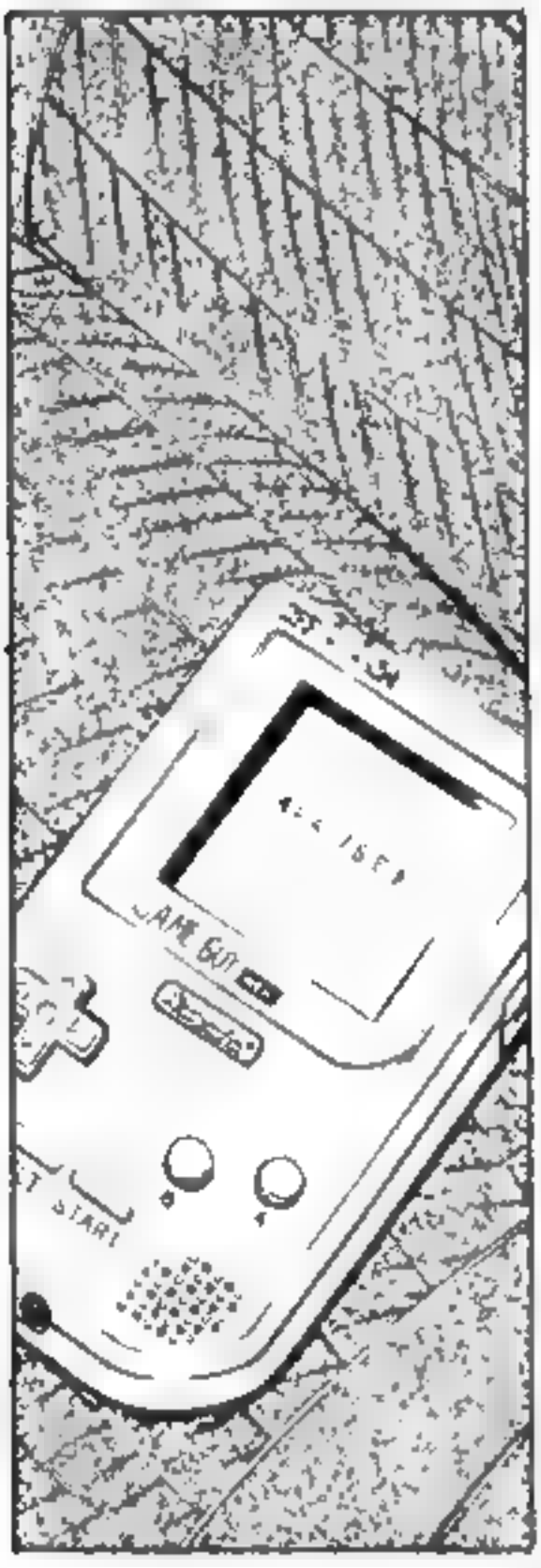
IT'S DANGEROUS BEING OUT AT NIGHT TRY TO AVOID DOING THIS IN THE FUTURE.

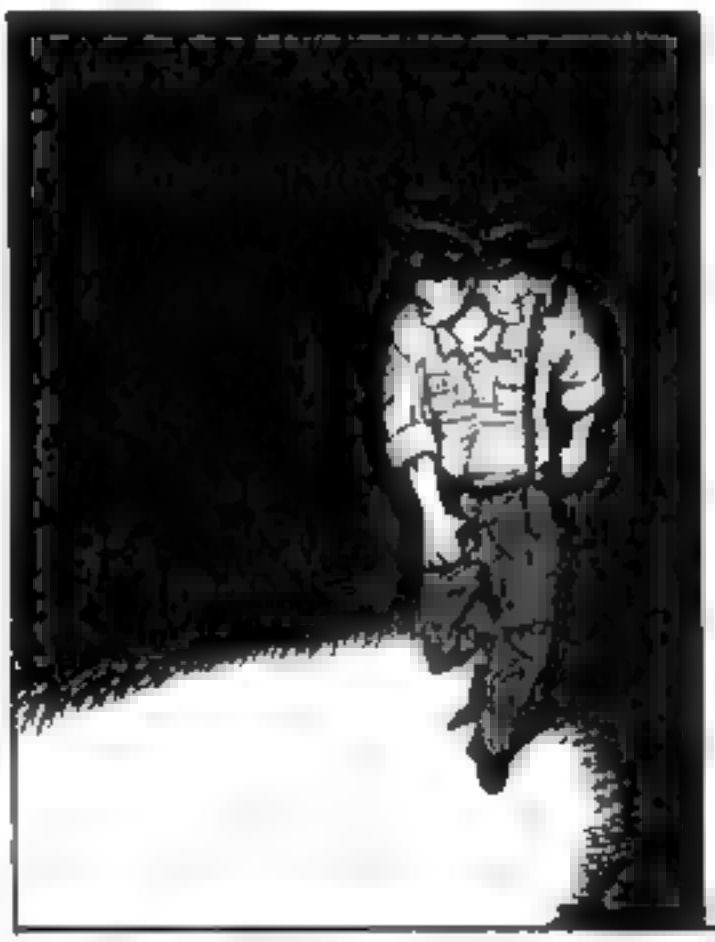
TAKE CARE OUT THERE, OFFICER.

IS IT THOSE MAGO-RAKA PEOPLE? IT MUST BE HARD BEING A POLICE MAN.



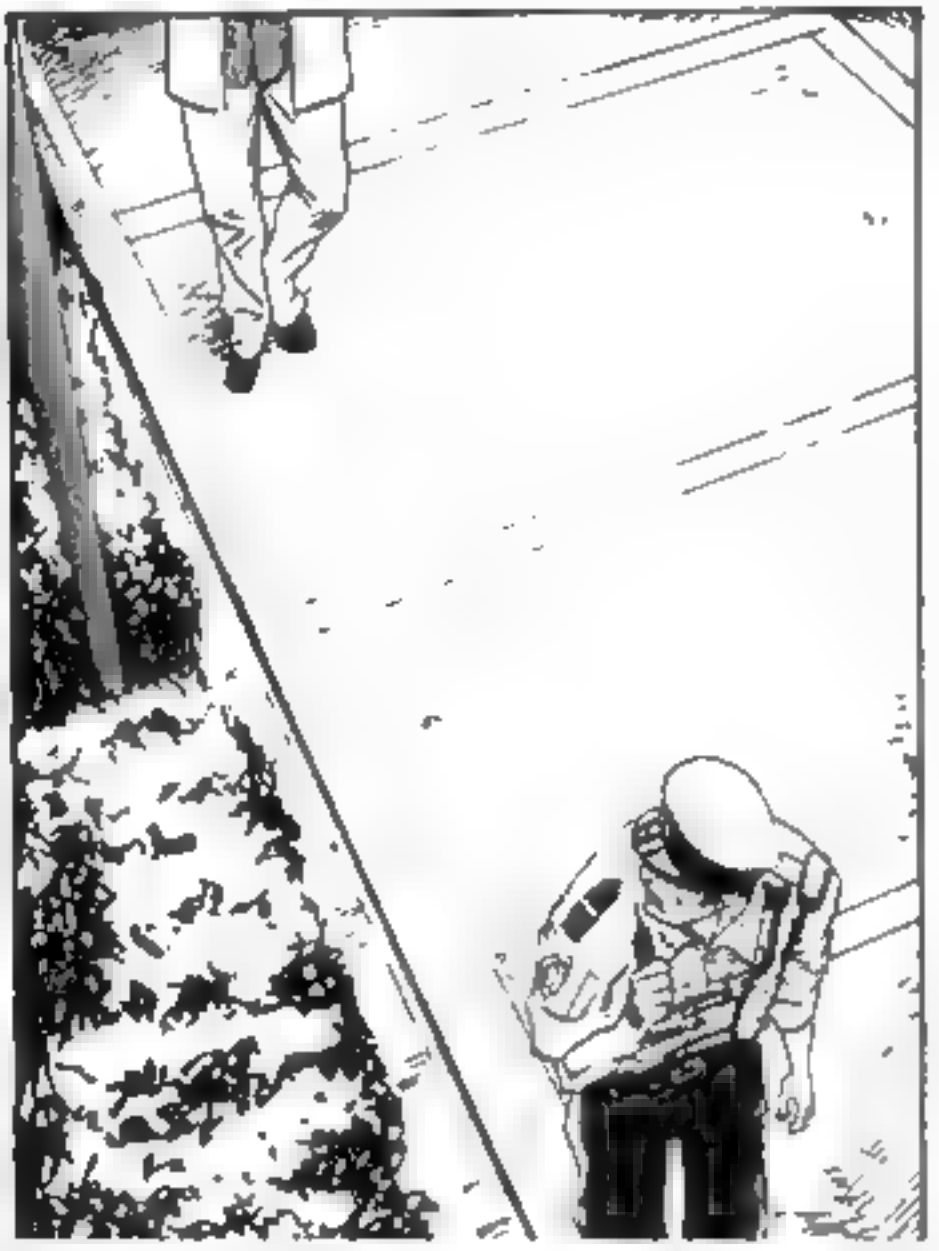


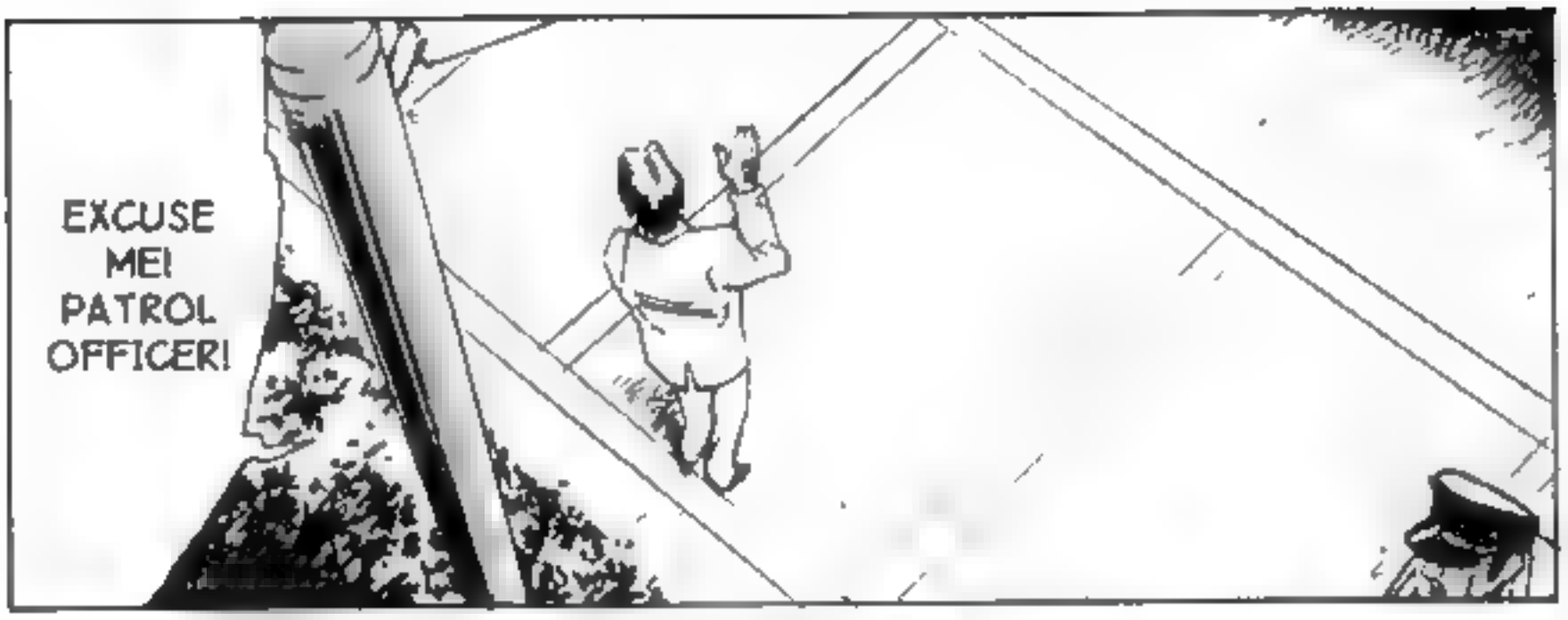

GAME BOY
START



I'VE FOUND HIDEKO MAEZONO FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY BRANCH. SHE'S ESCORTING A YOUNG MAN.

UH-OH. PRIVATE CALLS WHILE ON DUTY? IS THAT STANDARD PROCEDURE?

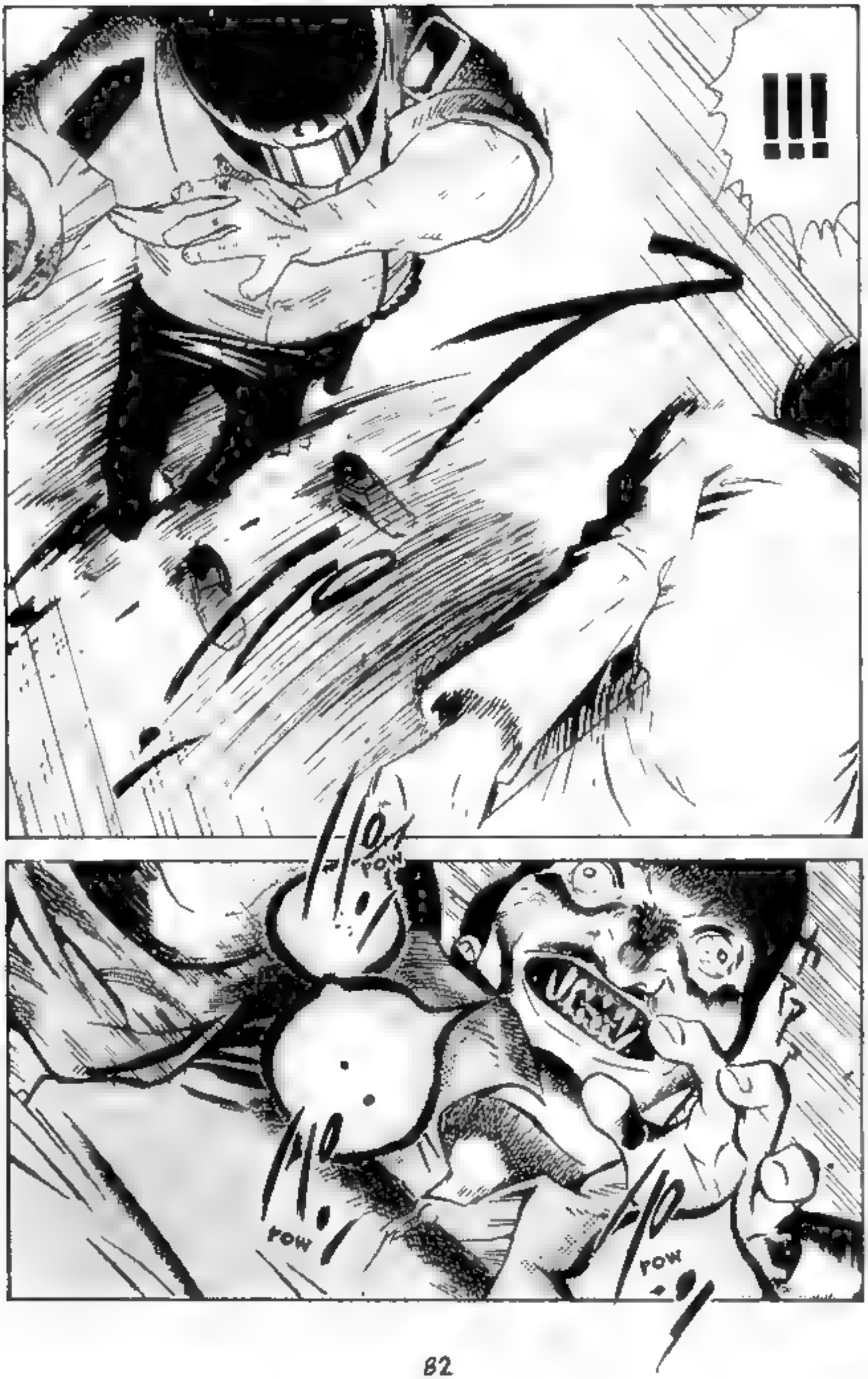



EXCUSE ME! PATROL OFFICER!

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS FELLOW DO ANY DAYTIME SHIFTS RECENTLY?
HUH?

YES, KUME-SAN? HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

Chapter 1
Soiled 2 Fangs


!!!
POW
POW
POW

I'VE ALWAYS WON-DERED-- WHY DO THEIR CLOTHES DISAPPEAR AS WELL?

IT'S KINDA SILLY WHAT DO THEY THINK THIS IS, A VIDEO-GAME?

"MAGORAKA" REFERS TO THE EARTH SERPENT MAGORAKA, ONE OF THE 33 FORMS OF THE KANNON BODHISAT-TVA.

AT FIRST, THE GROUP APPEARED TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A CULT THAT PREACHED MODERN SALVATION AND COMMONPLACE MORALS, WITH A SLIGHTLY OCCULT INFLUENCE.

INTERSEC-TION, HERE. JUST SPOTTED AGENT MAEZO-NO'S MASERATI, WITH THE OBJECTIVE ON BOARD

BUT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THIS "YATO NO KAMI," WHO THE BELIEVERS CALL THEIR LEADER, IT CHANGED DRAMATICALLY.

BY THE TIME WE REALIZED THE MONSTER MIGIRI, MENTIONED IN THE TESTIMONY OF YUSUKE HIMUKAI, WAS THE SAME PERSON AS THIS NEW YATO NO KAMI, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE...

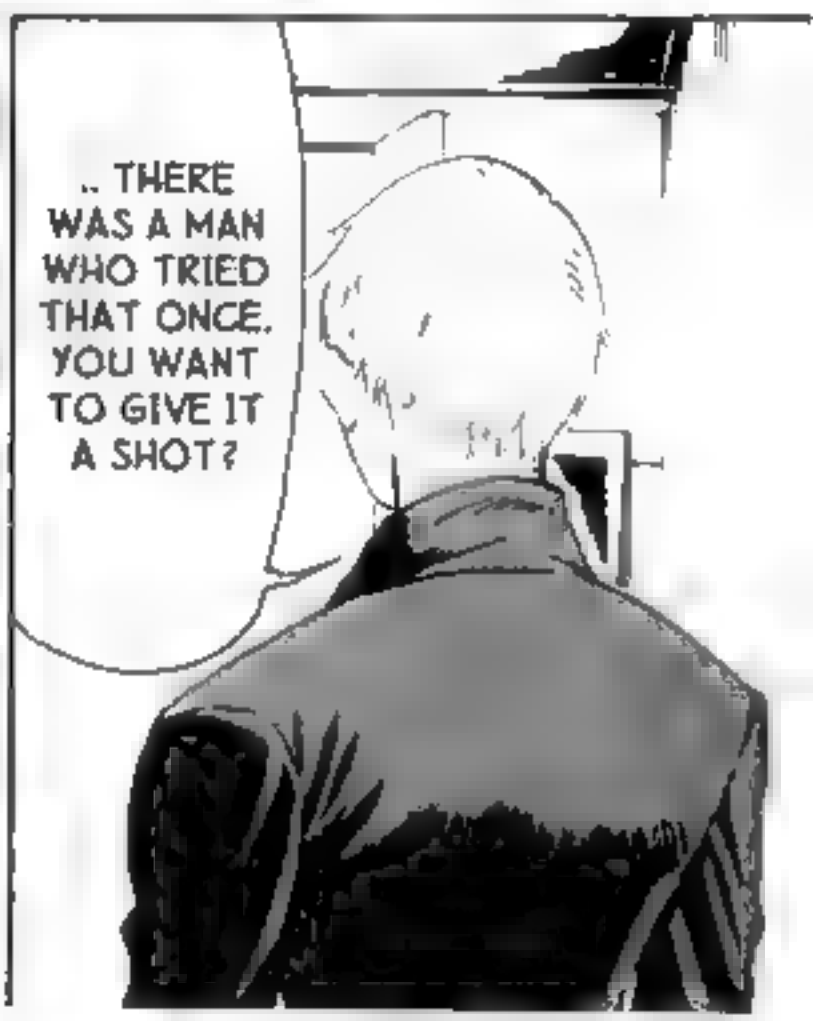
THEY HAVE SPREAD THROUGH-OUT TOKYO, AND NOW WE ARE THE ONES ON THE RUN.

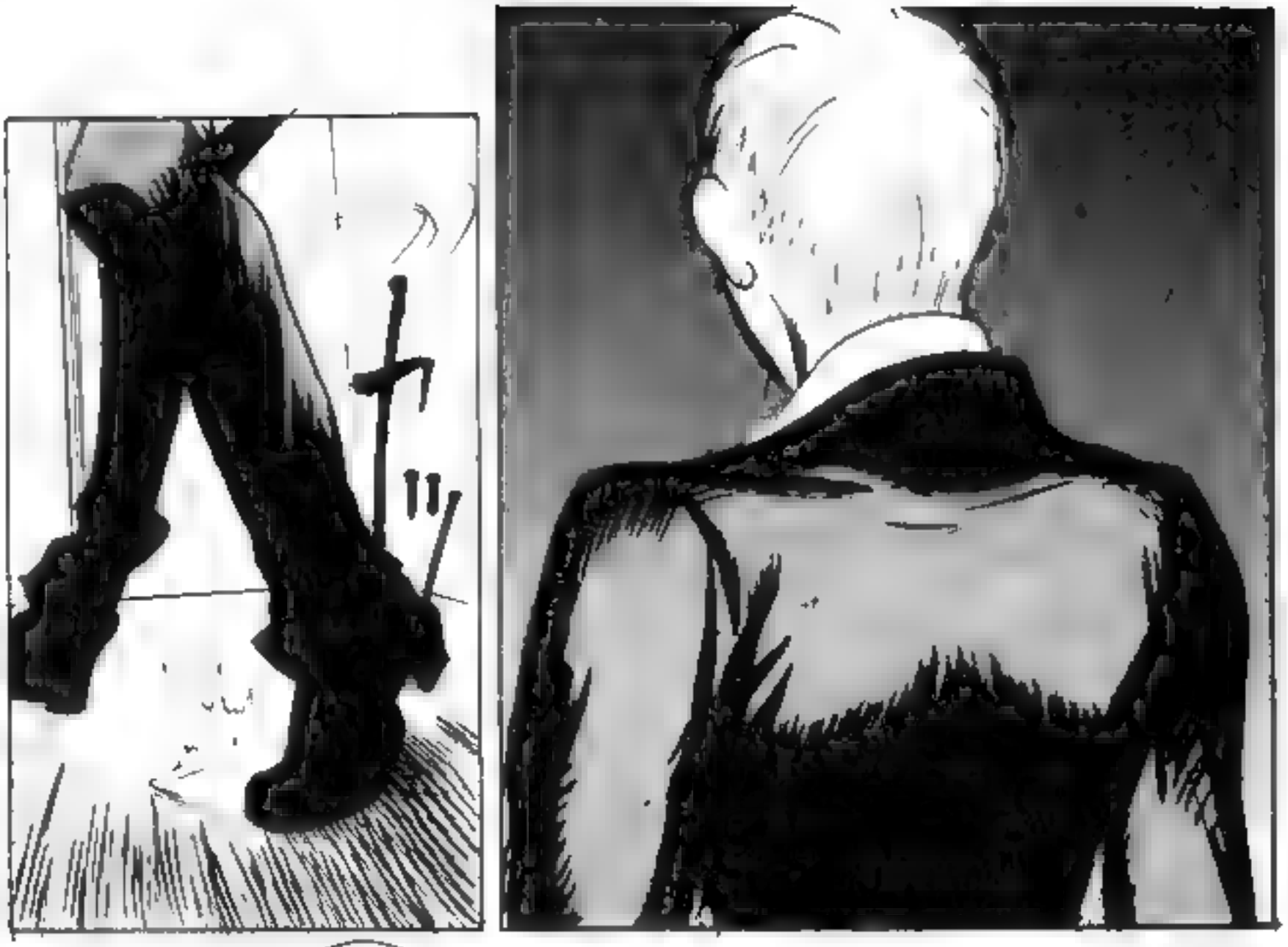
MIGIRI...

B!

WILL YOU DIE TOO, IF YOUR HEART IS PIERCED?

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ALL DYING TO STICK IT IN YOU.


.. THERE WAS A MAN WHO TRIED THAT ONCE. YOU WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT?



JUST A BUNCH OF PATHETIC FAGGOTS!!
NOT THAT THEY CAN DO A DAMN THING ABOUT IT!
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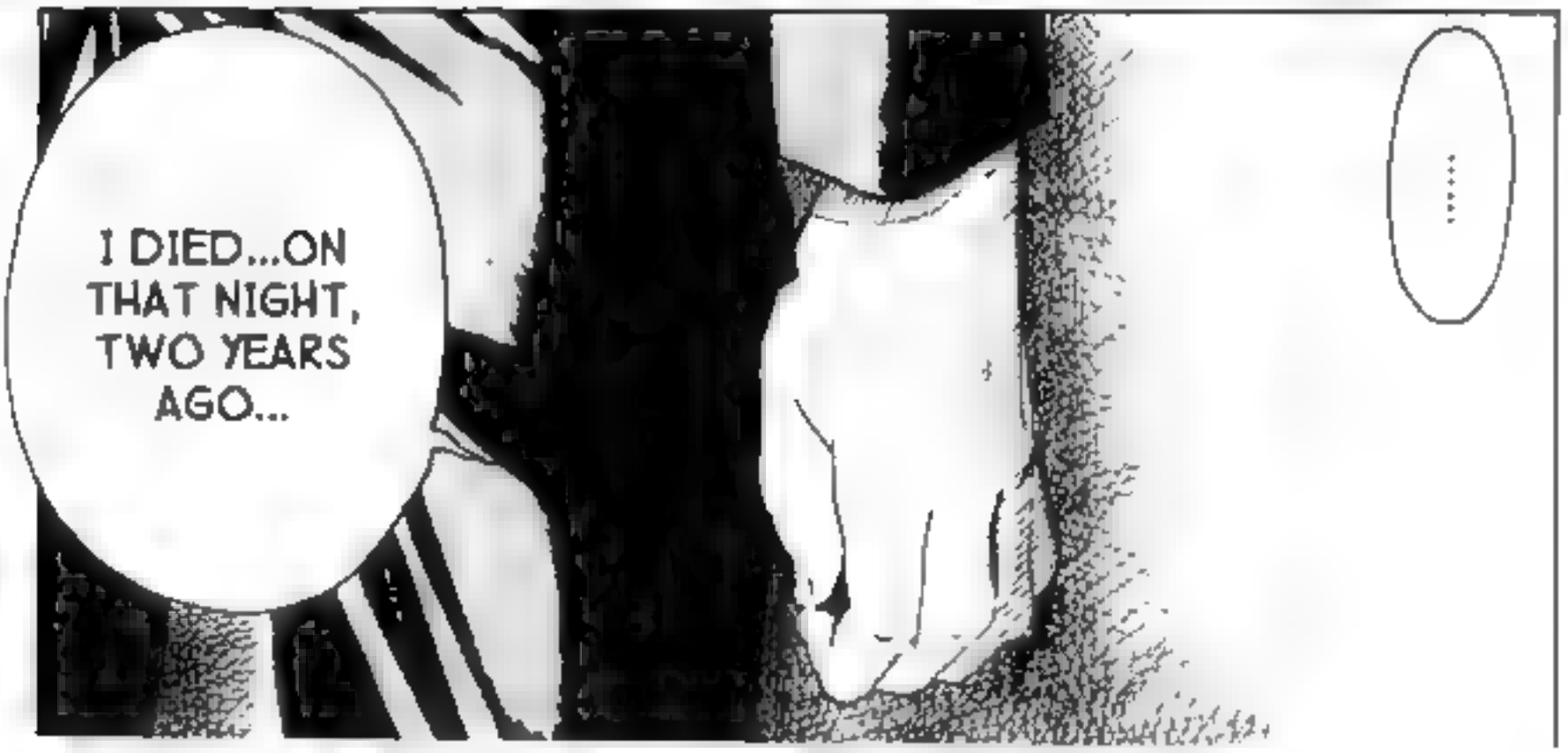
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF ME, YUSUKE?


I DIED...ON THAT NIGHT, TWO YEARS AGO...
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GOOD WORK, MAEZONO. GLAD TO SEE YOU MADE IT IN TIME.

WHAT HAPPENED?

WE'VE GOT A HELICOPTER COMING IN TWENTY MINUTES. WE'LL SPLIT UP BETWEEN THE CHOPPER AND THE CARS. WE'RE ABANDONING THIS SPOT.

WE'VE GOT YOUR GOODS HERE. HURRY UP AND GET IT OVER WITH.

ONE OF THE CHECKPOINT OFFICERS TURNED OUT TO BE A MOLE. THEY'LL FIND THIS PLACE IN NO TIME.

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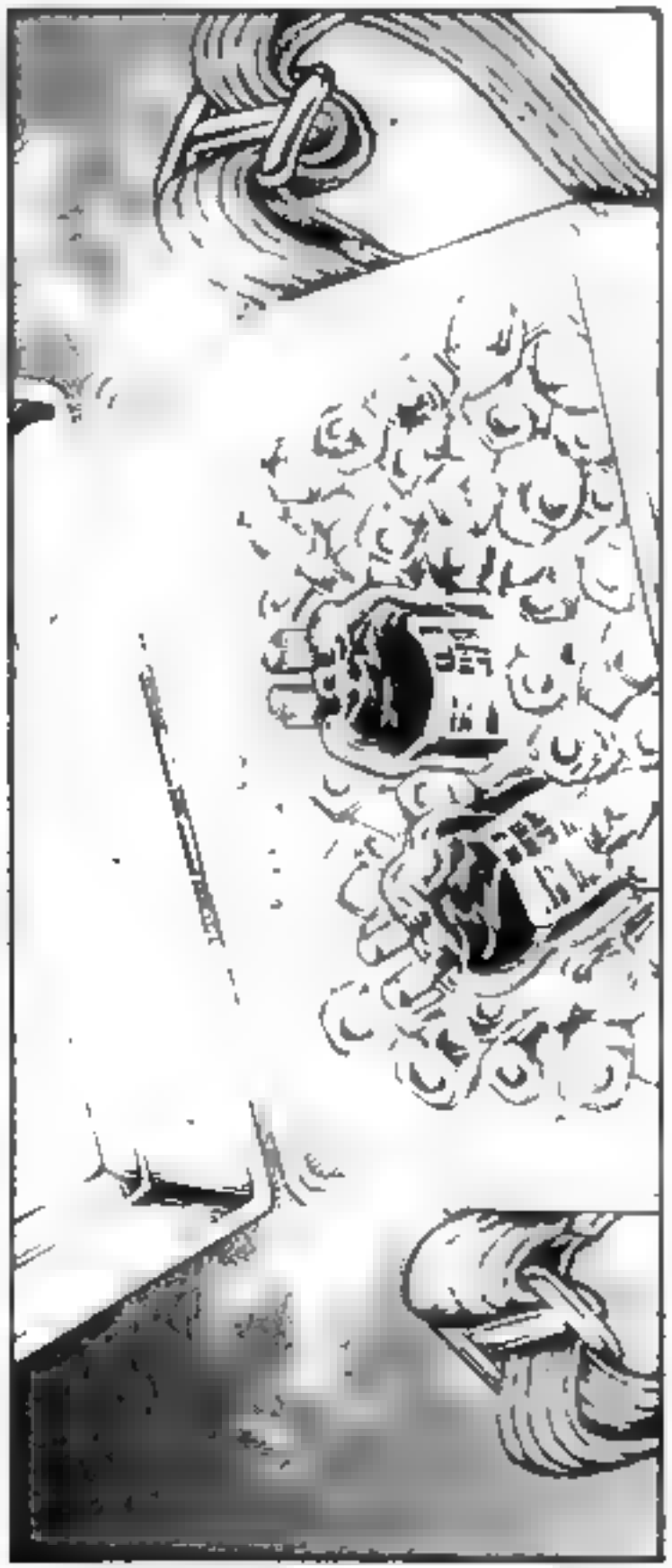

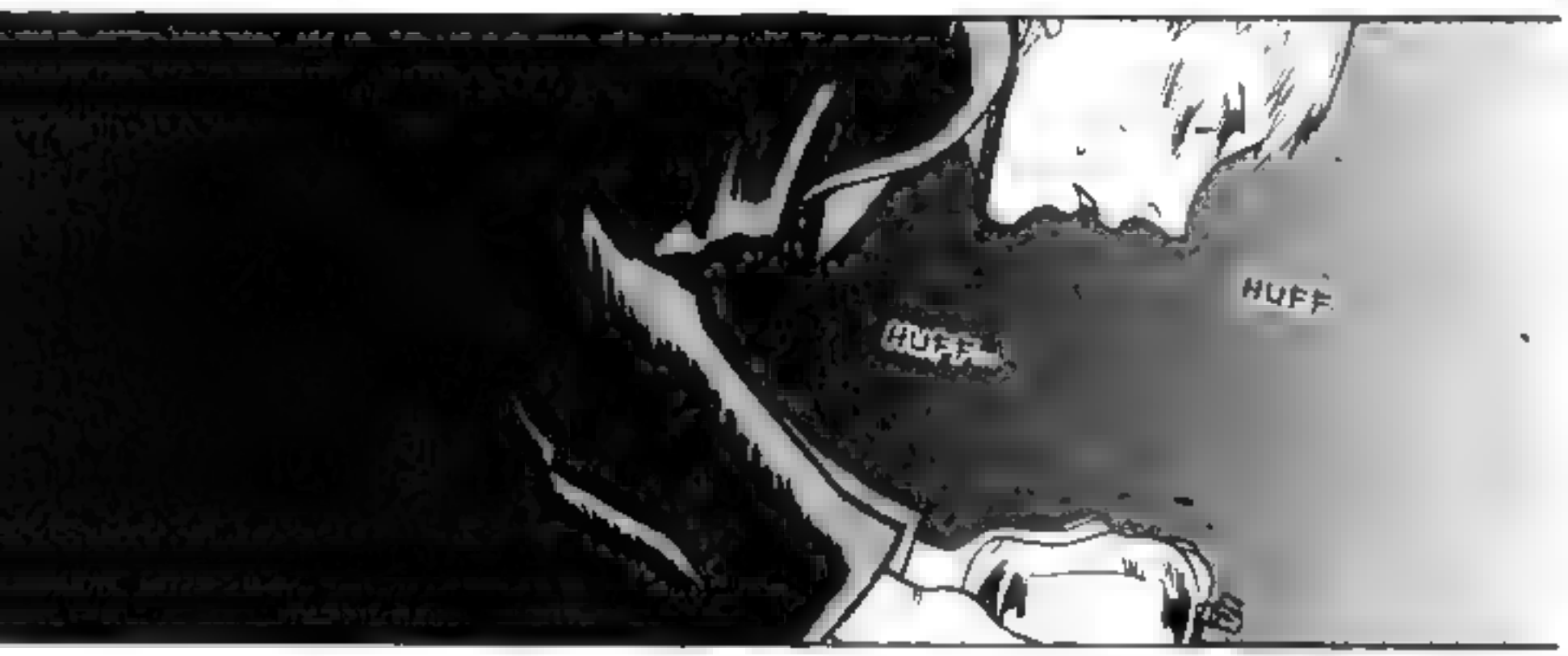
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HUFF

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DON'T WATCH!!

I APOLOGIZE FOR LEAVING YOU THERE FOR TWO YEARS, LIKE SOME KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT.

WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THE SITUATION AS IT'S DEVELOPED, AND IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO US TO TRY YOU UNTIL NOW.

THINK OF THE CIRCUM-STANCES, KID DON'T EMBARRASS HER

WHY AM I HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME? WHY NOW?

MY NAME IS YUKI. I'M THE HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CHURCH OF MAGORAKA COUNTERMEASURES DIVISION TASK SQUAD.

WE'VE GOT OUR EYES ON A PARTICULAR MULTI-TENANT BUILDING IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT KIKURI FUJIWARA IS THERE.

WHERE IS SHE?! WHERE IS KIKURI?!

HUFF HUFF

ALL RIGHT

I'M ALL RIGHT

I'M ALL RIGHT I'M SORRY FOR LOSING IT THERE.

I CAN GIVE YOU A SEDATIVE, OR YOU CAN LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. WHICH WILL IT BE, YUSUKE?

YOU SAW HER, YUSUKE HIMUKAI.

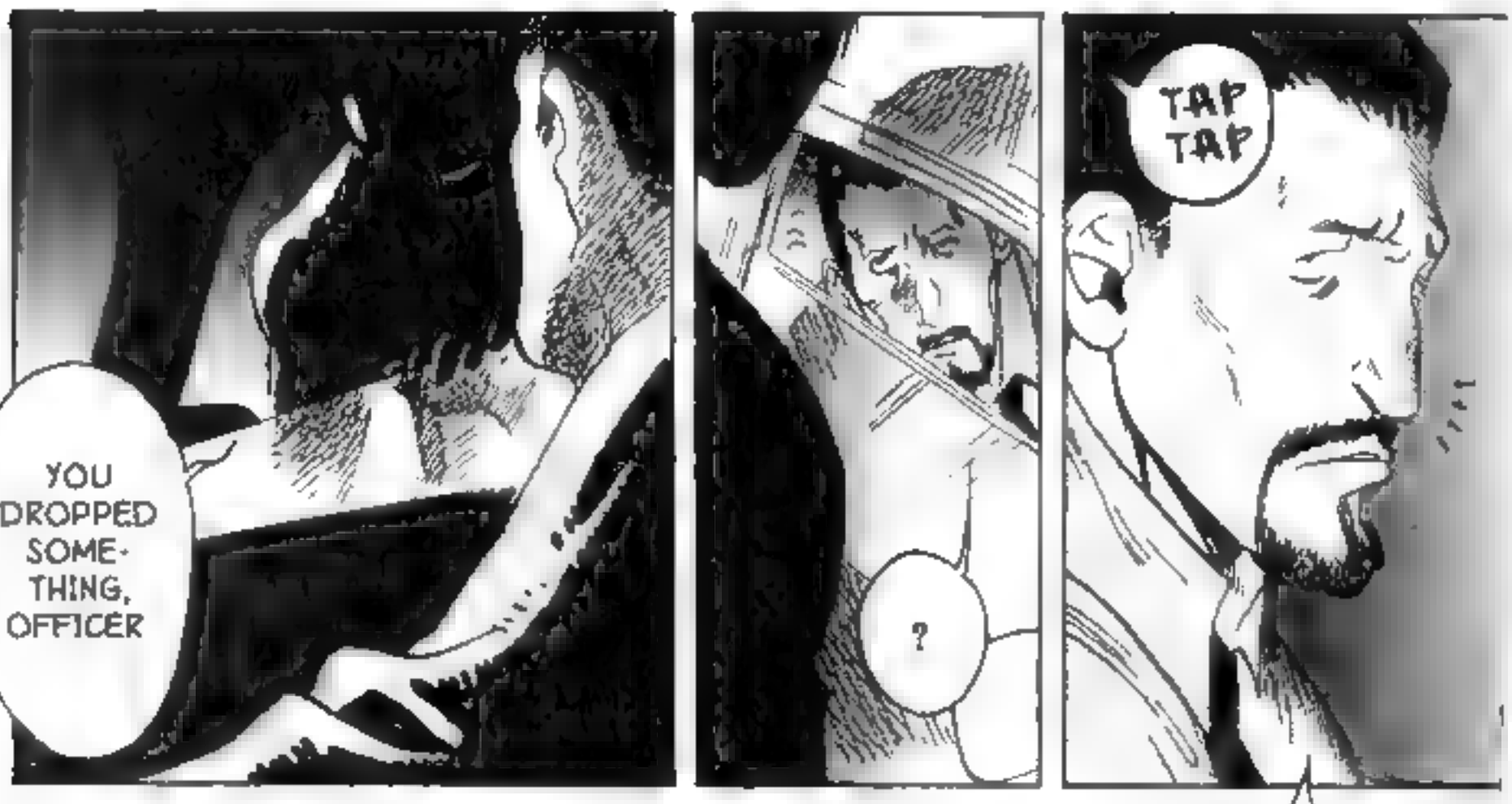
KIKURI FUJIWARA IS NO LONGER ONE OF US.

HUFF.

TTCH

AAH.

AHHHH


YOU DROPPED SOME-THING, OFFICER
?
TAP TAP

WHA...?
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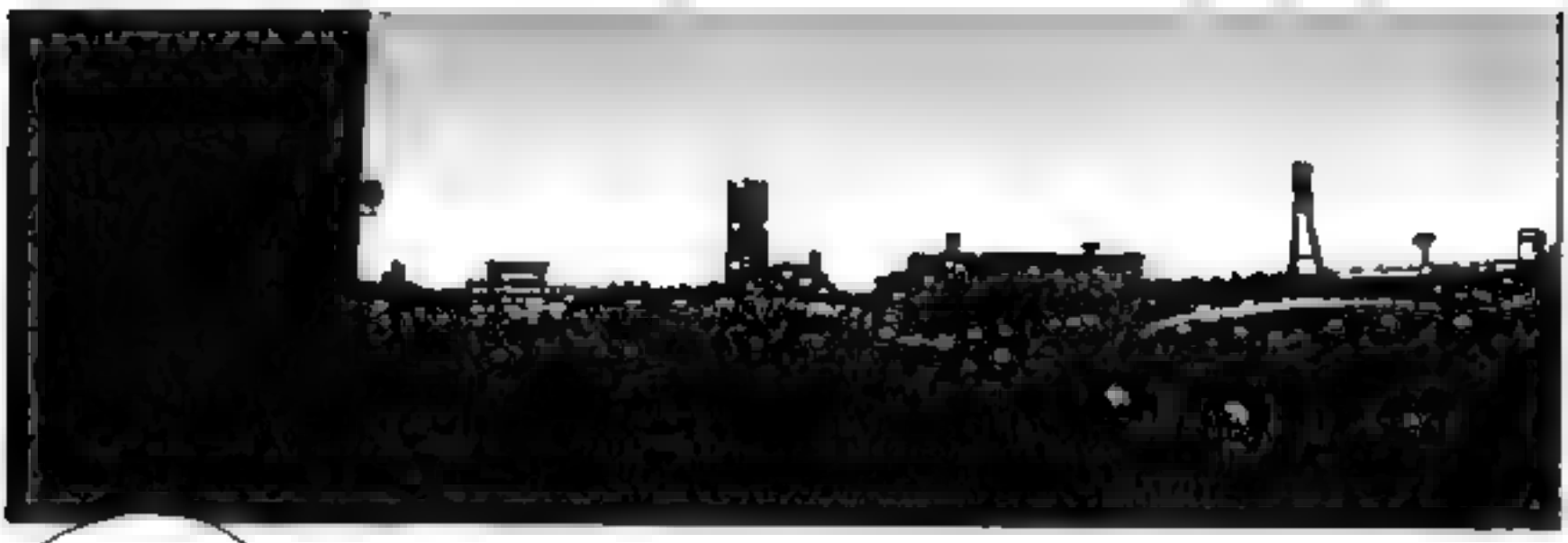
GAGI!

COUGH!



ALL THE ROOMS IN THIS APARTMENT BUILDING... ARE NOW EMPTY.
.....
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE WAS, YUSUKE?

THEIR LAIR.

THE COFFINS NUMBERED EIGHTEEN IN ALL.

ALL TOP THREE FLOORS OF THE BUILDING HAD ROOMS THAT WERE SEALED, WITH LIGHTPROOF CURTAINS INSTALLED, AND COFFINS PLACED INSIDE.

MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LOWER TWENTY-SEVEN FLOORS HAD FALLEN PREY TO THEM.

THERE WAS A MOUNTAIN OF DESICCATED HUMAN CORPSES IN THE BASEMENT WASTE DUMP.

ARE THEY PROLIFER-ATING?
THREE HUNDRED... THREE HUNDRED OF THOSE MON STERS
ONE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGIST HAS CALCULATE THAT THERE AR AROUND THREE HUNDRED RIGHT NOW
NOT ALL OF THEM ARE COMPARABLE TO THIS MIGIRI YOU FOUGHT AGAINST.
IN FACT, MOST OF THEM ARE NOT MAKING FULL USE OF THE POWERS THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN

OF COURSE, THEY ARE STILL FAR STRONGER AND FASTER THAN NORMAL HUMANS, AND GIVEN TIME, THEY CAN RESTORE THEIR DAMAGED BODIES BACK TO PERFECT HEALTH.

BUT THAT'S ALL. THEY DON'T HAVE THE MENTAL TECHNIQUE OR SOPHISTICATION TO UNIFY ALL OF THESE ABILITIES.

I KNOW THAT KURAHA, AT LEAST, CHOSE THE HUMANS HE WOULD MAKE HIS COMPANIONS VERY CAREFULLY..

WE DON'T KNOW THE YATO NO KAMI'S INTENTIONS, OR WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO WITH THE WORLD...

WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU, THEN? WHERE'S THE PROOF THAT I CAN TRUST YOU?
YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T ONE OF THEM, AND YOU AREN'T HUMAN, EITHER
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...I AM A SERVANT OF THE YATO NO KAMI ..

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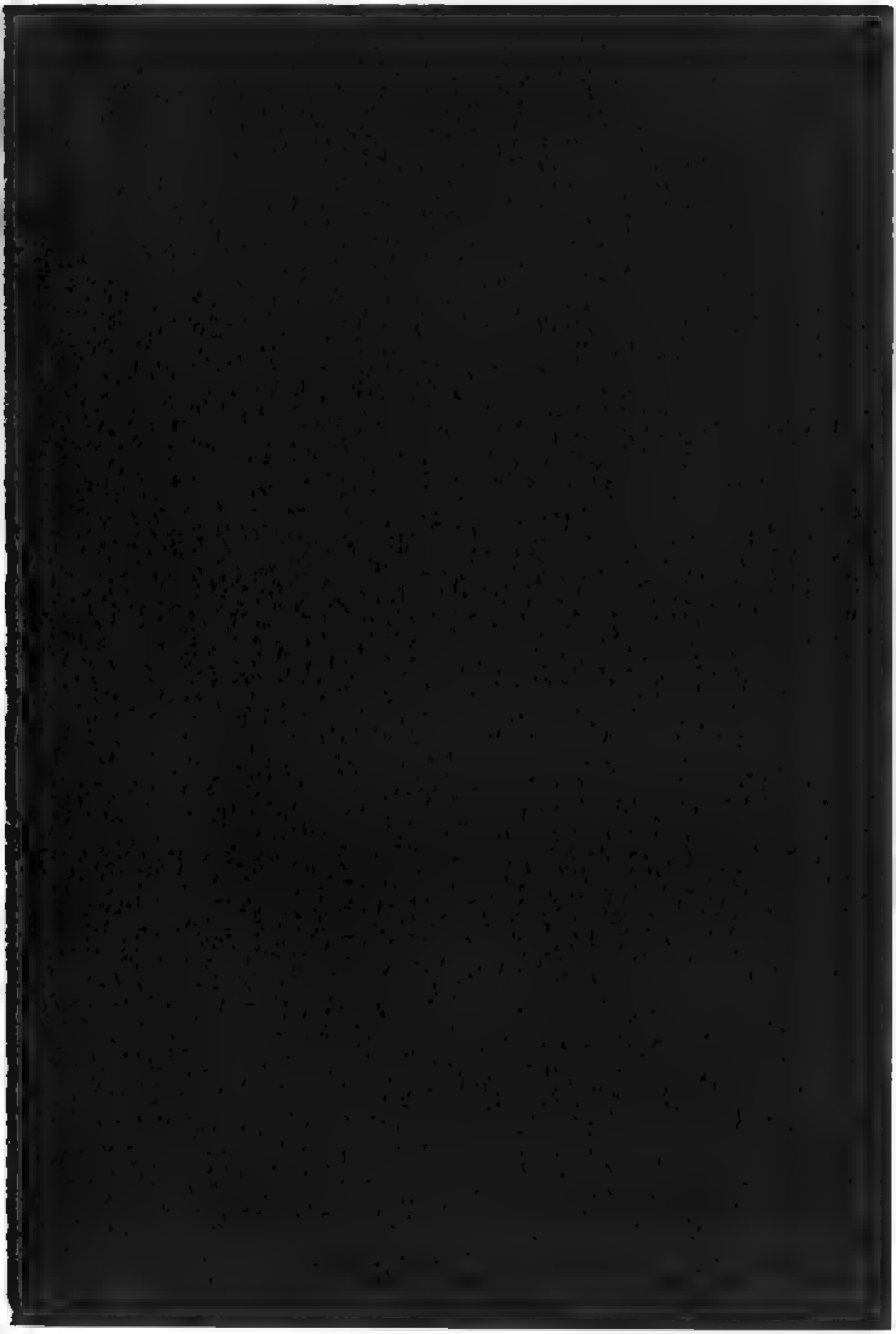

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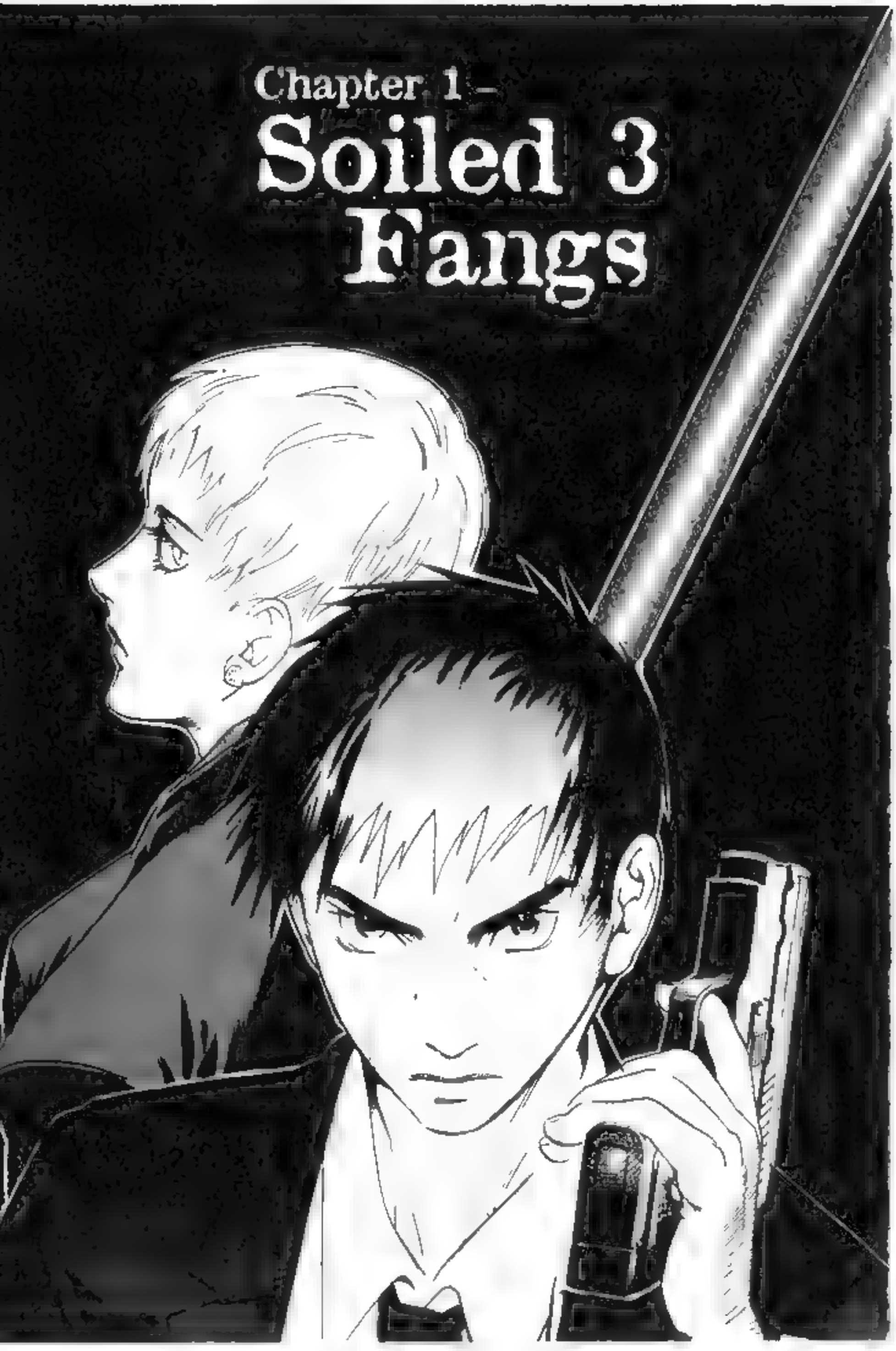

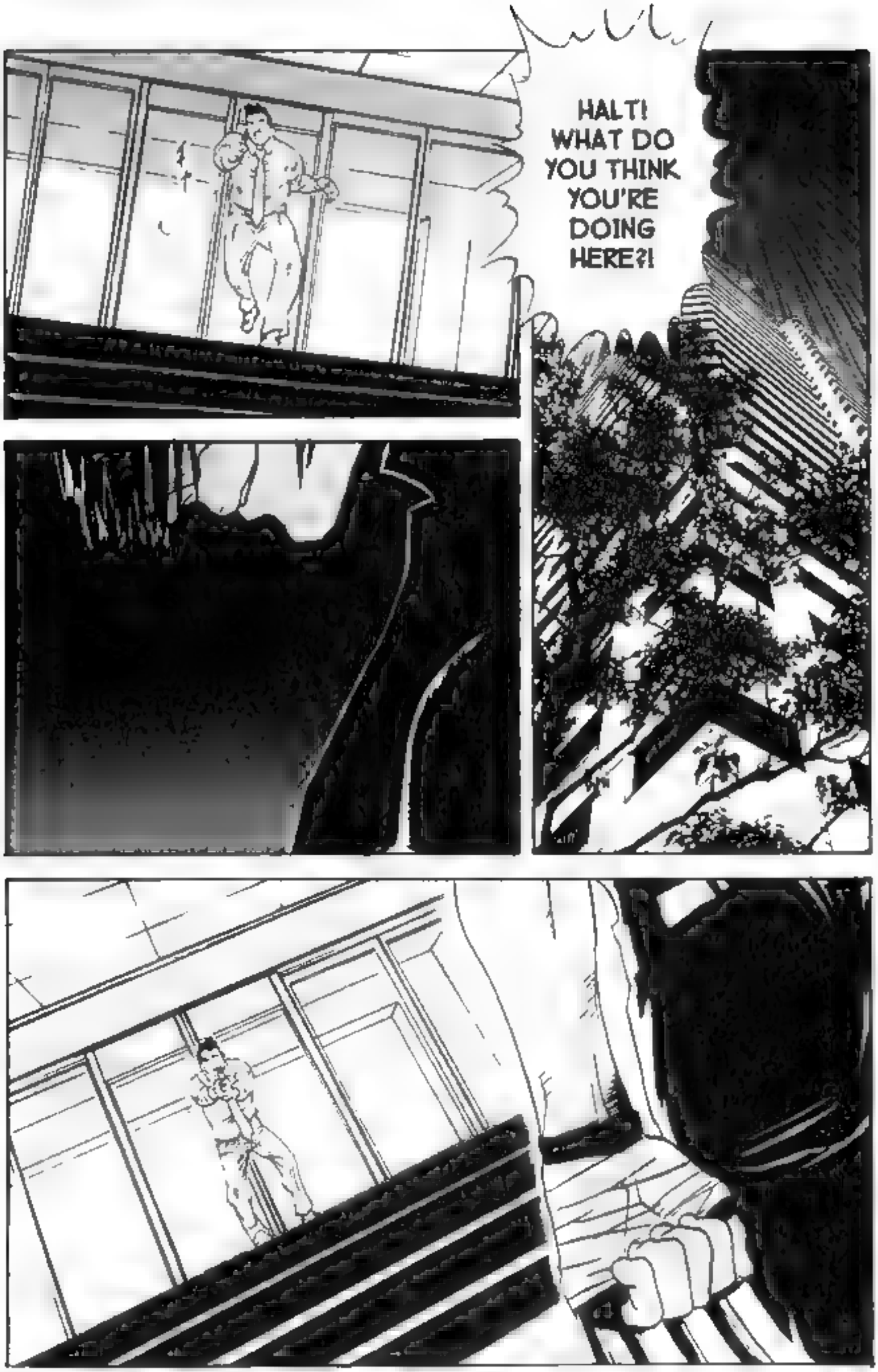
HALT! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING HERE?!

!!
AAAH...

DOING HERE?! WE'RE CELEBRAT-ING THE RELEASE OF A FRIEND FROM THE HOSPITAL!

LIKE THIS! "HEY BROTHER, YOU FEELIN' BETTER YET?!" HYA HYA HYA!!

BOOOM

WE'RE RUNNING UP THE EMERGENCY STAIRCASE TO THE ROOF THEN SPREADING OUT DOWNWARD!

YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE THING TO DO!

KILL 'EM ALL!!

LET'S RIP OPEN THESE CAPITALIST-BRAINWASHED BAGS OF SHIT!!

AND SPREAD THEIR INSIDES ALL OVER THE WORLD!!

I WANT A STATUS REPORT ON THE INTERSEC TION, FRONT ENTRANCE, PARKING LOT AND ELEVA TORS.

CLICK

I WAS THE ONE WHO AUTHORIZED YOU TO TAKE HIM FROM THE HOSPITAL. IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO HANDLE THIS.

IT'S TOO SOON

THEY'VE WIPED OUT THE BASE OF THE BUILDING WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE FROM THE ROOF

YOU HAVE GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE ALIVE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME, MAEZONO?

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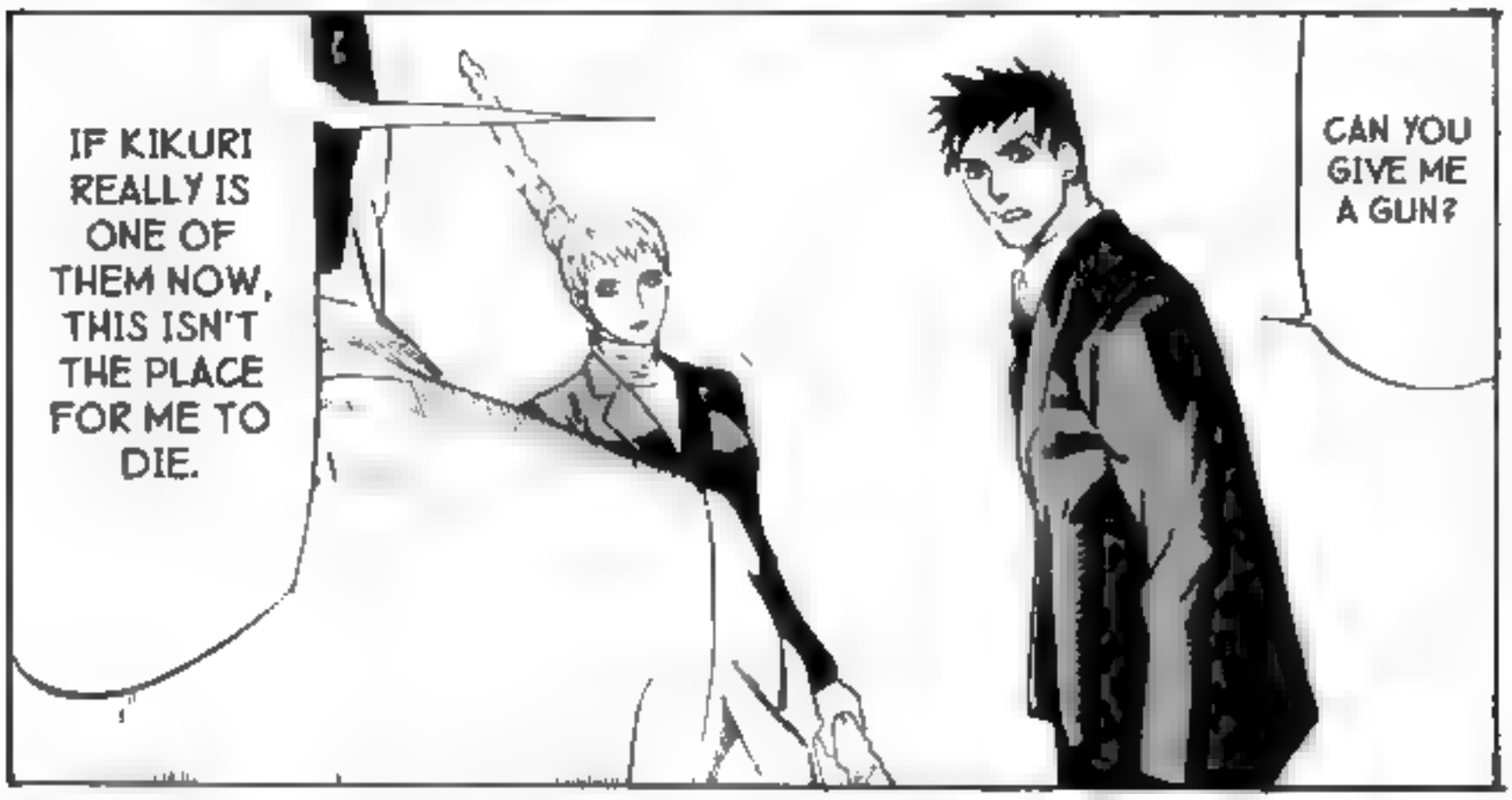
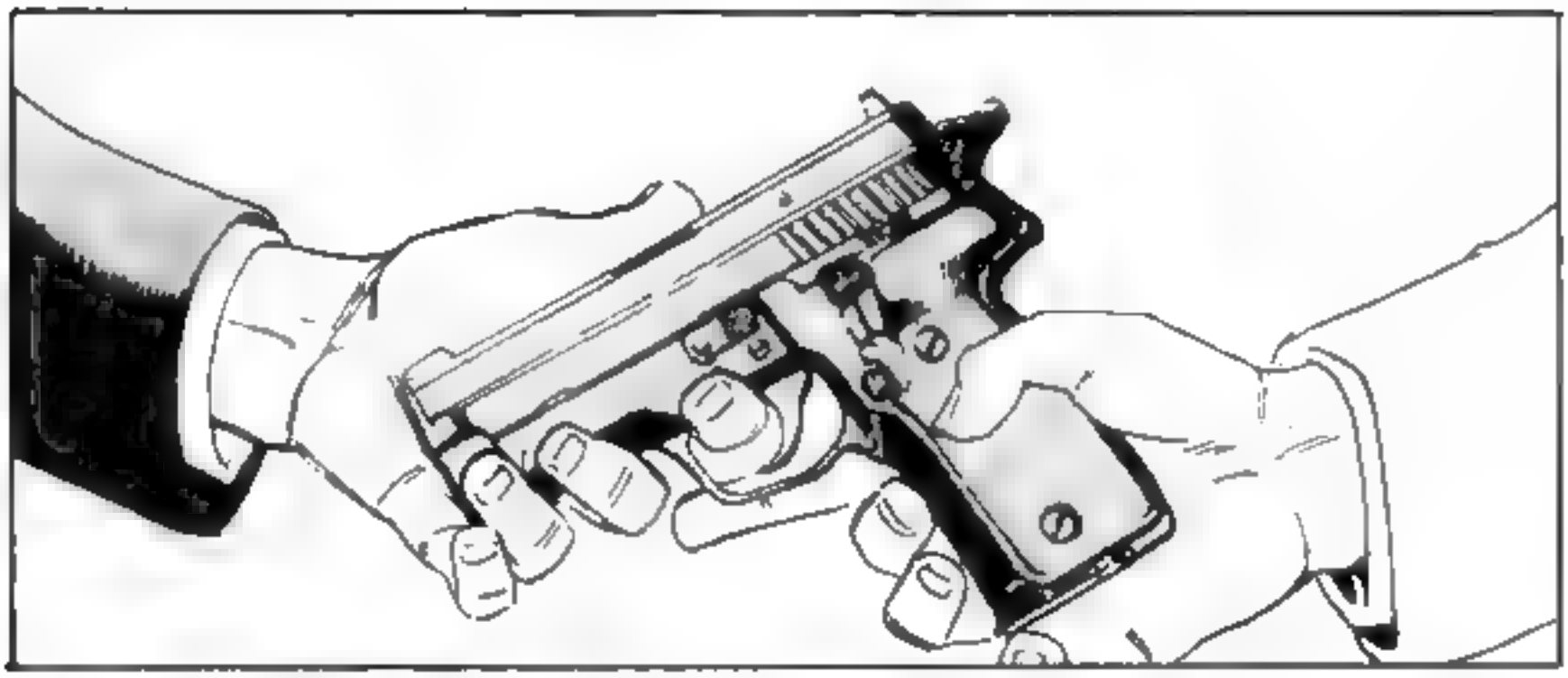
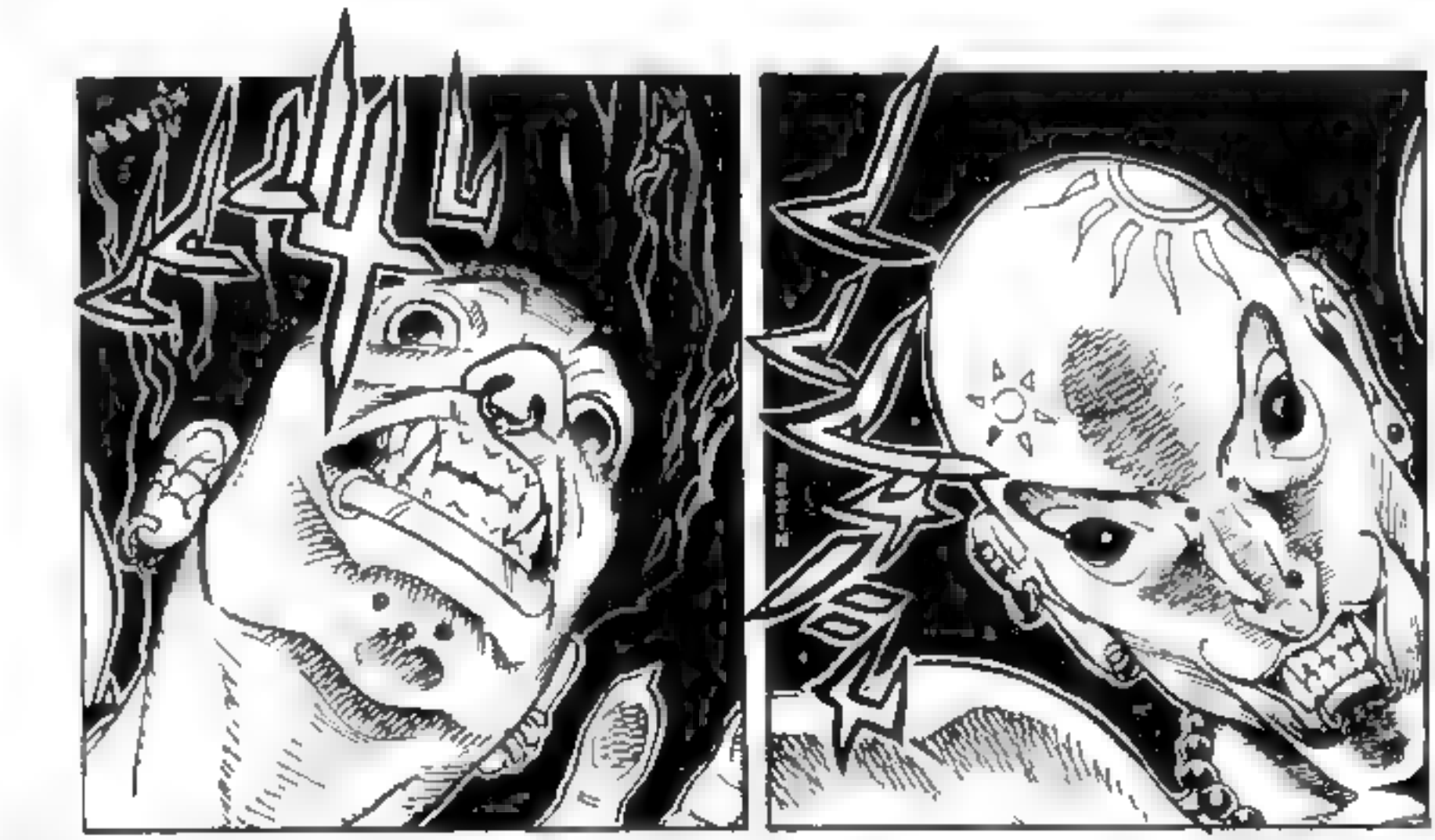
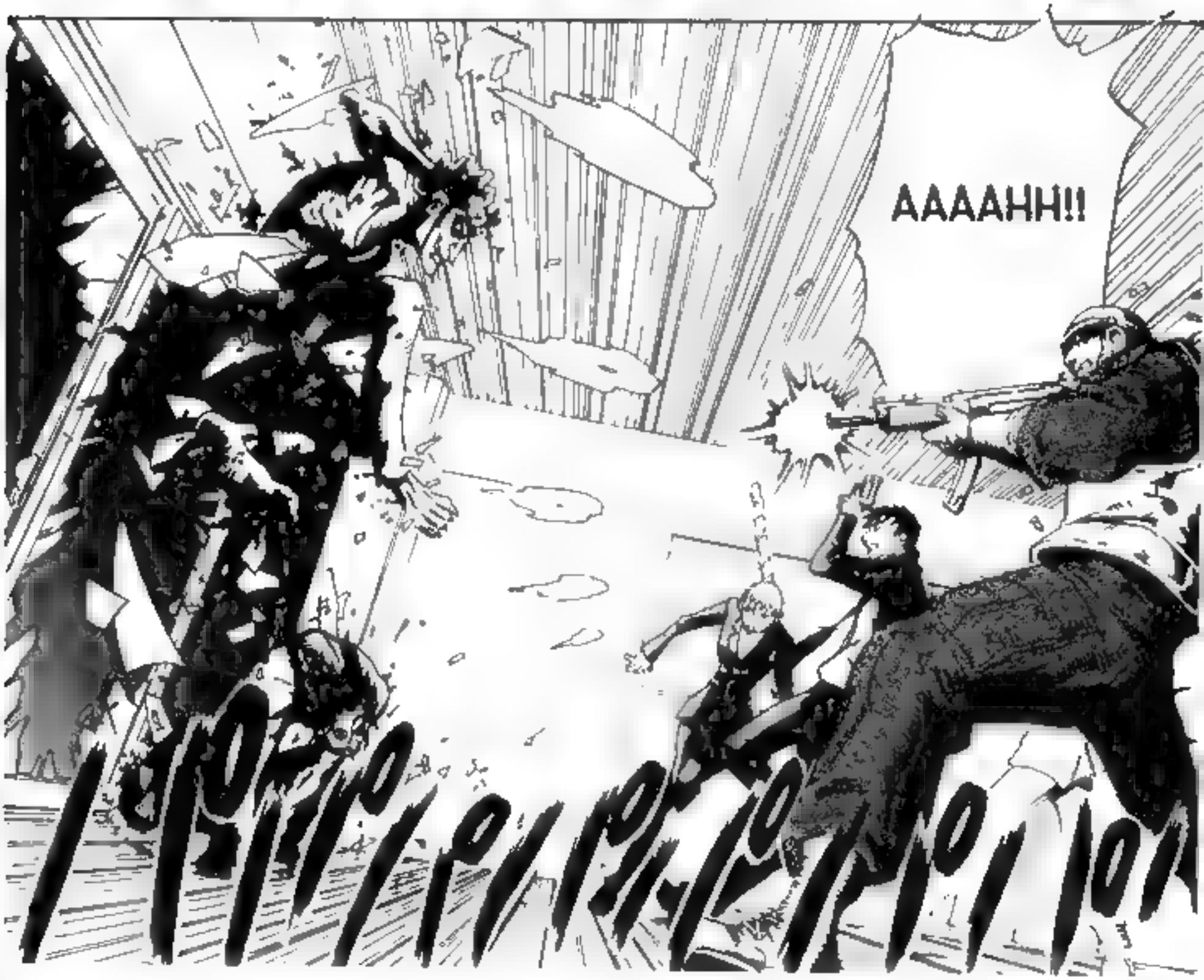

IF KIKURI REALLY IS ONE OF THEM NOW, THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR ME TO DIE.
CAN YOU GIVE ME A GUN?

YEAH, I KNOW.
I BELIEVE YOU ARE AWARE THAT GUNS WON'T ACTUALLY KILL THEM. THEY'LL ONLY BUY YOU TIME.



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AAAH!!

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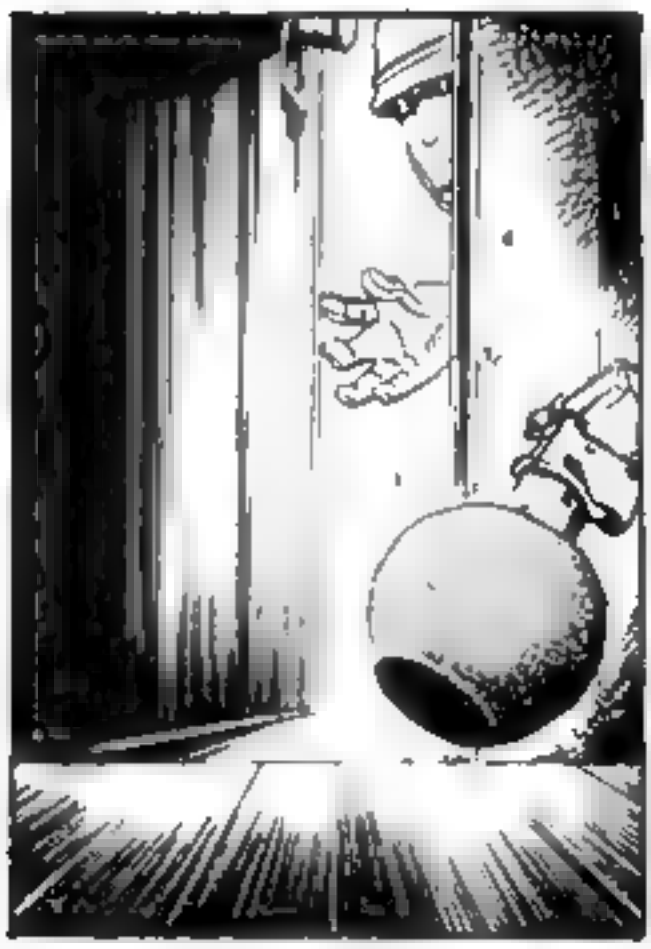
POW



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POW

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CRAAASH

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...LL
ME...

...LEASE.
...JUST...
KILL ME.

Huck...

JUST STAY OUT HERE AND WAIT FOR THE SUNRISE TO INCINERATE YOU.

SORRY BUDDY, YOU CHOSE YOUR FATE. NOW YOU LIVE OR DIE WITH IT

UH...

AAAAHH...

非常口
カチャ…
CLICK

LOOKS CLEAR.
KEEP YOUR GUARD UP.
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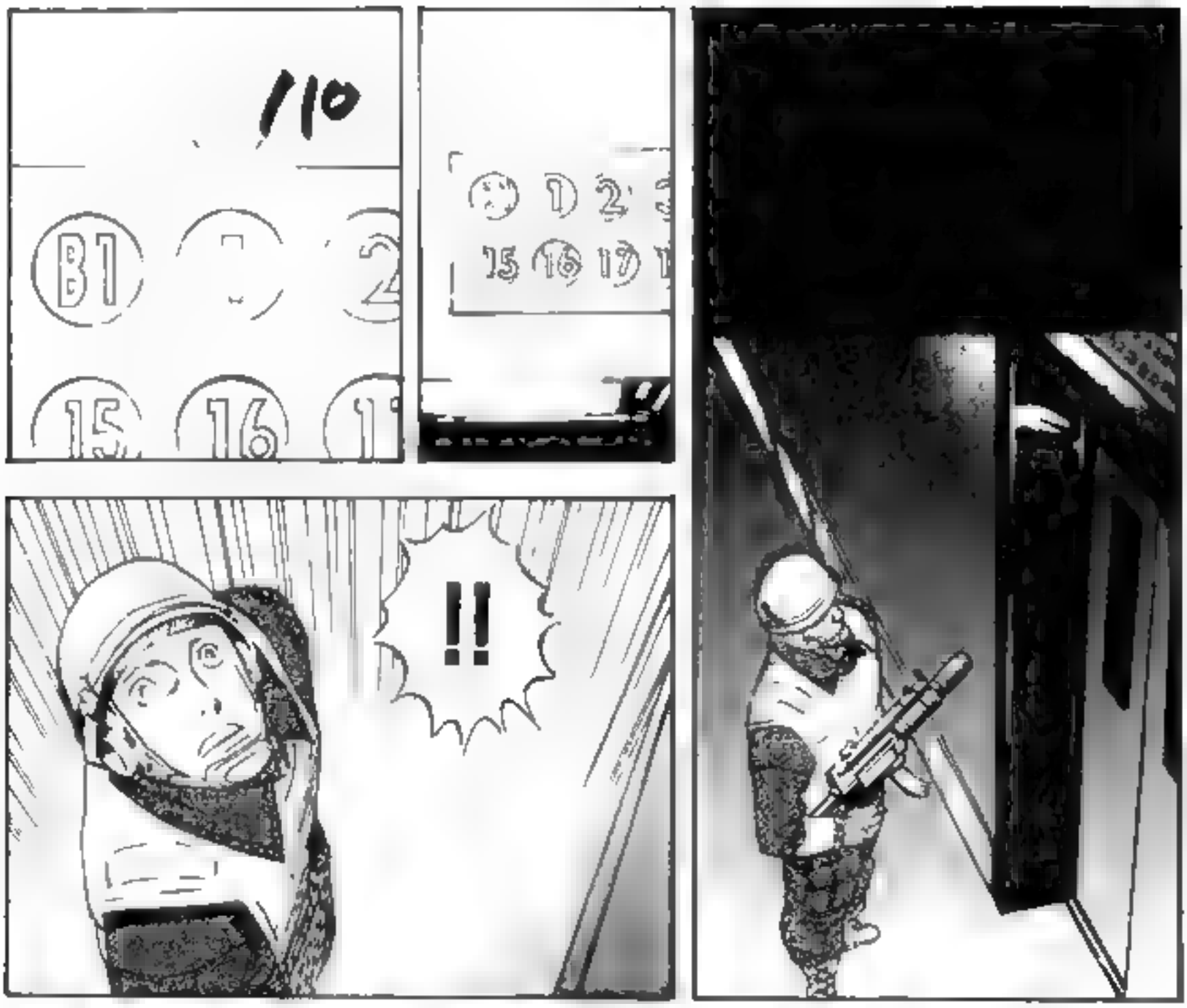
SAKAGUCHI, YOU GO WITH THEM.

MAEZONO, YOU TAKE YUSUKE HIMUKAI OUT OF HERE.

STAY AT MY BACK.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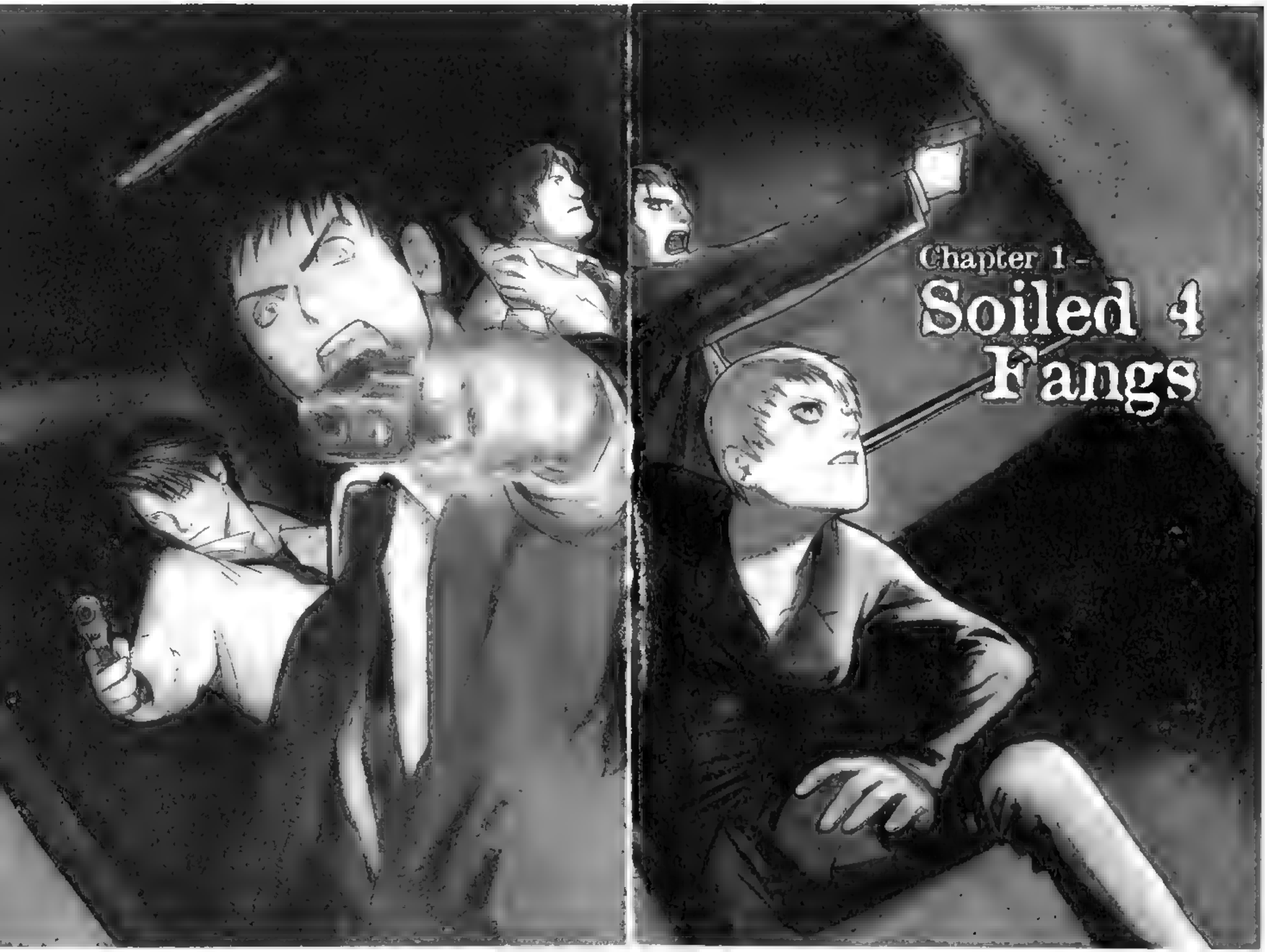
THE ELEVATOR'S COMING UP!!

CHIEF!! THE ELEVATOR IS ASCENDING! SOMEONE'S ON THEIR WAY UP!!

LET'S GO!!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MAKE SURE YOU KILL ME.

IF I SHOULD END UP BEING TURNED INTO ONE OF THEM...

. . . .

YOU GOT IT.

PROMISE ME THAT, CHIEF.

POW

POW

POW

POW

!!!

POW

POW

AAAAHHHH!!

KURAHAAAA!!!

AAGH...
!!

POW

POW

YAAHHH!

POW

POW

POW

POW

AAAAGH!!

AYA
AAA
HH!

TTUCH
TTUCH
TTUCH
……!

!!
!!!
DOOR
THUD

CLICK
NNG...
BANG

!!

GYAAAAAA!!

AH!

AAH.

HUFF HUFF

...

ahh!

IS THIS HOW YOU DO THINGS?!

.....

TSUCK

MOVE, YUSUKE.

AAAAAHH!!

MOVE!!

AAAAH!!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN SOMEONE GETS THEIR BLOOD SUCKED IF THEY'RE JUST BEING KILLED OR BEING TURNED INTO ONE OF THOSE CREATURES?

IT'S BECAUSE YOU--

HOW? HOW CAN YOU TELL THEY'RE TRYING TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBERS?

NO, I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO TURN A HUMAN INTO ONE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS.

THAT'S RIGHT, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL UNDERTAKING OUR DUTIES WITH THAT POSSIBILITY IN MIND!! ANYONE WOULD CHOOSE DEATH OVER BECOMING ONE OF THEM, OR TURNING INTO A "FAILURE" LIKE ME!!

THEN YOU'RE JUST KILLING PEOPLE WHO COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED!!

HEH
HEH
HEH...
HEH
...
!!
SO
DIE,
THEN.

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SIT

NOW! DO YOU WANT TO DIE HERE?!
YUSUKE! GO UP TO THE ROOF!

...
YUSUKE...

DAMN, NOT ENOUGH ROOM...

UGH!!

HEH
HEH
HEH...

IT REALLY IS A SHAME...

...THAT I HAVE TO KILL YOU.

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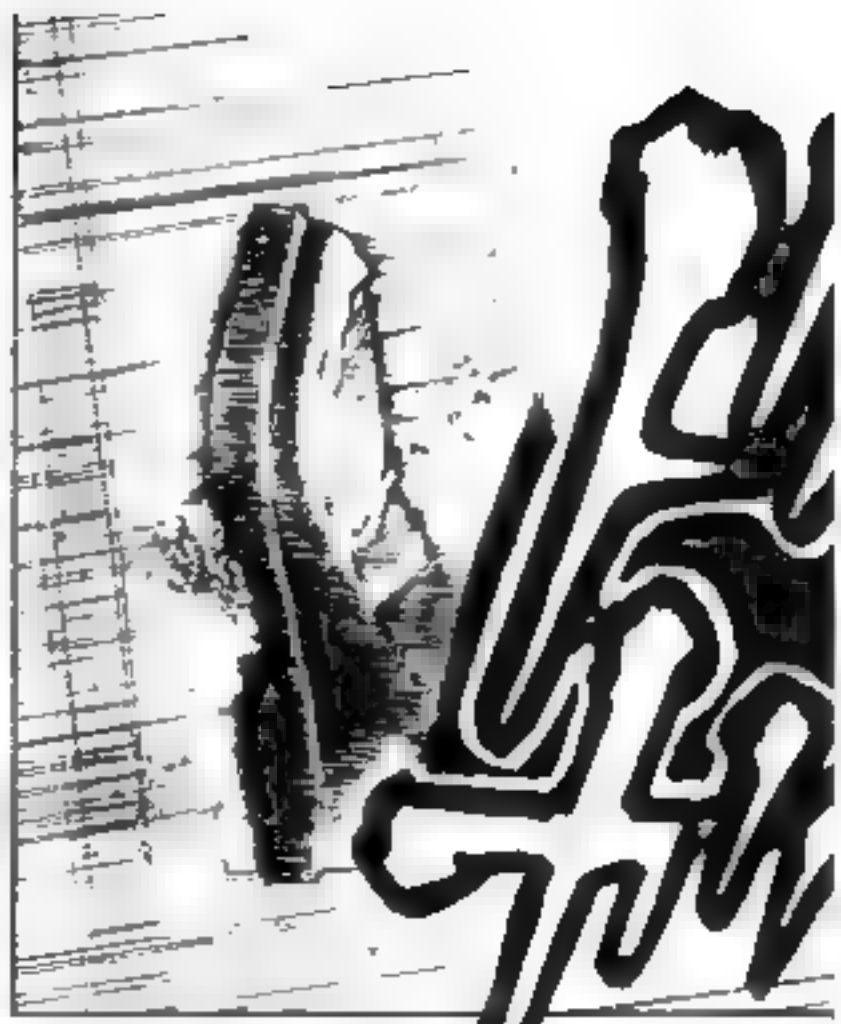

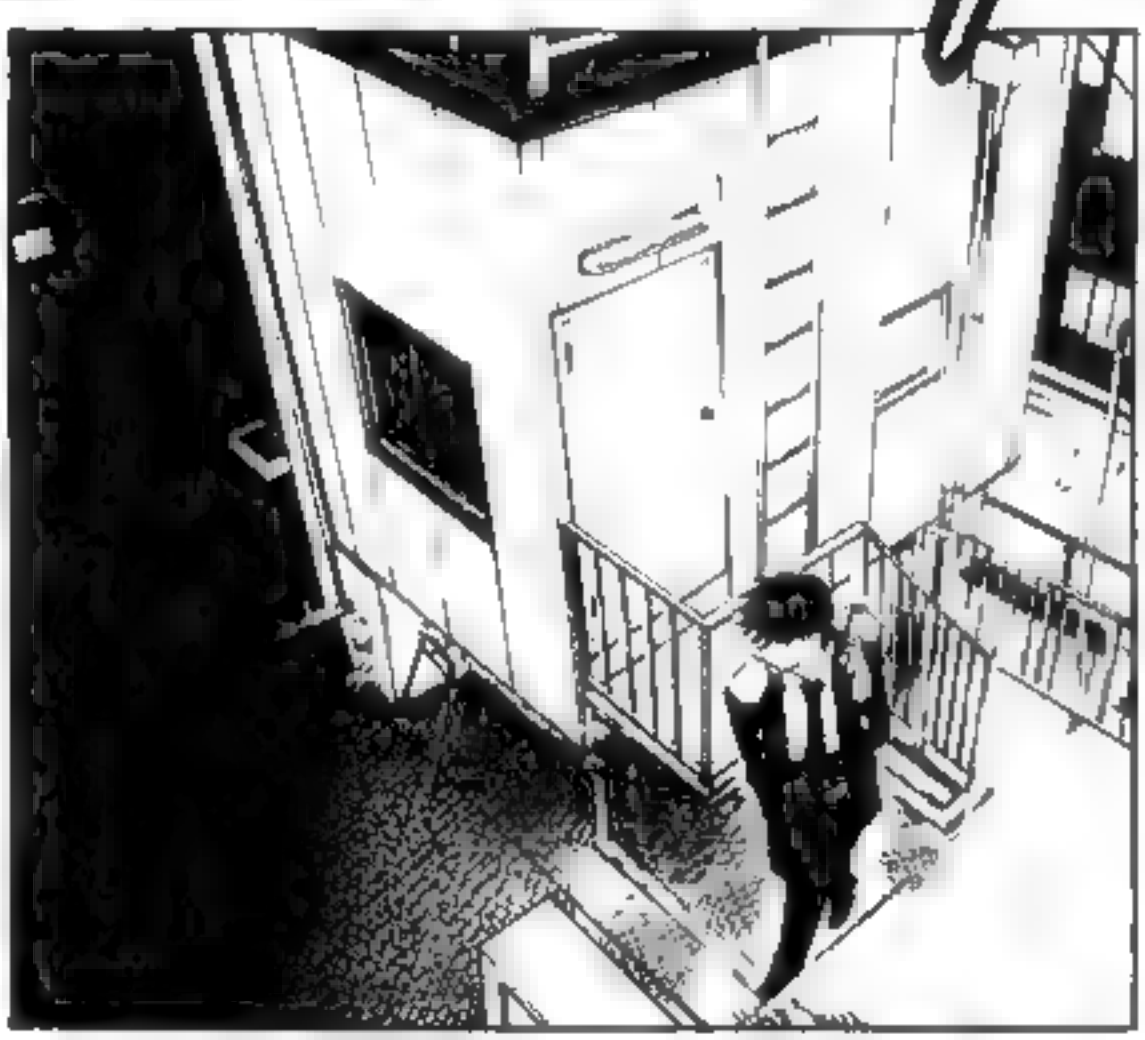

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EAAGHI

UCK....

AAAAHHGHH!

BANG

GNASH

HNG..

UH. JNG.

UNG

URRAHH!!

GET LOST!!

HUFF

HUFF

YES, I SEE. YOU DO RESEMBLE HIM.

NO WONDER MIGIRI-SAMA LET YOU LIVE THAT NIGHT

!!

WHERE IS SHE?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH KIKURI, KURAHA?!

.....

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A SERVANT OF THE YATO NO KAMI, BY THE NAME OF NAONOSUKE KOBAYASHI

HE STOOD BEFORE US, THE LEADER OF THE SHOGUN'S SECRET FORCE OF SHINOBI, THE TENBU-SHU, INCLUDING THE MIGHT OF THE KOGA AND MOCHIZUKI NINJA CLANS, AND SLEW ONE THOUSAND OF OUR NUMBERS

AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS HE HAD FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING US TO DE-STRUCTION.. ALL BUT ONE MYSELF

HE WIELDED A HERETICAL STYLE WITH THE BLADE, MAKING USE OF ANYTHING THAT MIGHT SERVE HIS PURPOSES, AND SPENT HIS LIFETIME TRACKING OUR KIND

YUSUKE HIMUKAI

AND YOU ARE EITHER HIS DESCENDANT, OR HIS INCARNATION REBORN.

*WHAT THE...? WHAT IN THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?*

THREE HUN-DRED YEARS AGO. ?

...I AM A SERVANT OF THE YATO NO KAMI...

HEH

GOOD LORD... HOW IS ANYONE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE SUCH A RIDICULOUS STORY?

ONLY ONE OR TWO ROUNDS LEFT NO WAY I COULD KILL THIS GUY WITH JUST THAT

MY NAME IS MIGIRI.

TELL ME YOUR NAME, RECKLESS SON OF MAN.

YES, I SEE

SO HE'S THE ONE WHO BE-HEADED THIS MIGIRI GUY?

IN THAT CASE, YOU'VE SADLY OVER-ESTIMATED ME. I'M NOBODY.

OR PERHAPS IT IS THE TRUE REASON WHY THAT WOMAN WAS CHOSEN TO BE MIGIRI-SAMA'S BRIDE.

PERHAPS THIS IS BUT THE SEED OF A NEW, GREATER ORDER OF THINGS.

.....

!!
ZIO

YUSUKE HIMUKAI, IF THE HEAVENS TRULY ARE ON YOUR SIDE, THEN WE WILL MEET AGAIN.

THE NIGHT IS NEARLY OVER.

KENICHI SAKUMA, RISK YOUR VERY LIFE TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE WORTHY OF BEING MY SERVANT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS HUNG UP OVER SOME-THING SO PETTY.

NOW THAT I AM ONE WITH THEM, I'VE NEVER FELT HAPPIER IN MY LIFE!

THOSE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO DIE FIGHTING THEM HAVE NO IDEA OF HOW UNFOR-TUNATE THEY WERE.

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KILL ONE LITTLE WUSS LIKE YOU, AND I'LL LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY. CAN'T BEAT THAT DEAL.

I'M ABOUT READY TO START SKIPPING, MYSELF.

WUSS?

ME?

.....

I'LL TURN YOU INTO MINCE-MEAT!!

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